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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL TO THE LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES

1792 - 1794

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A LETTERBOOK OF JAMES O'HARA, 1792 - 1794

Colonel James O'Hara was appointed Quarter Master General to the Legion of the United States under the command of Major General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, April 19, 1792, a position he held until May 1, 1796.

Up to the time O'Hara took over the reins of the Quarter Master General's Department, a failure of adequate supply had hampered operations in the west. Due primarily to O'Hara's efforts, Wayne's army was equipped in a mode at least enough to keep body and soul together.

This letterbook, beginning April 19, 1792 and ending just prior to the victorious campaign of the summer of 1794, points up vividly some of the problems which were faced by the Quarter Master General and his immediate subordinates.

In so far as possible, the manuscript has been preserved. Such necessary changes as were made are clearly indicated. Footnotes are used for fuller explanation.

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No. 1.

James O'Hara Esqr. -[1] War Department April 19th 1792.

Sir

The president of the united States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate has appointed you Quarter Master General in the Army of the United States . -

You will please immediately to signify your acceptance or nonacceptance of this appointment.

In order that you may judge of the pay rations and Emoluments for the commissioned and non commissioned Officers and Privates in the Service of the United States, I enclose you the act of Congress relative to the military establishment

I am Sir Your Hble Servt.

H Knox[2]

Secy of War

No. 2.

James O'Hara Esqr. Philada. May 23d 1792.

Q. M. General, -

Sir/

I will accept of the Station offered me in the Quarter Master Department, on the Terms of your Letter to me of yesterday.

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1. The apostrophe in O'Hara's name will be retained throughout. Sometimes it was not included.

2. Henry Knox, Secretary of War, March 8 1785 to Dec. 31, 1794. Francis B. Heitman, Register of the United States Army, I, 607.

I think nevertheless, the Salary and accomodations are unequal to the Task I have undertaken to execute; but the object of being in some degree serviceable to my Country by paying a proper and satisfactory attention to the duties of my office in the Department, and the strong inclination to enlarge my observations in the western Country, that I may hereafter meet a very promising and interesting scene, which I firmly trust will naturally open in that part of the united States, when the hostile and unfortunate tribes shall be reconciled under a System of peace, or effectually surpressed by the unhappy effects of war, all objects which strongly claim my acceptance and attention in the present instance.

With respect to any immediate accomodations I think it will be proper that you furnish me with a Horse, with an order to enable me to transmit some necessary articles to Pittsburgh. These matters being provided, I shall, if health permit, be ready to repair to the westward in the business in which I have merely engaged, by the first day of June ensuing.

With Sentiments of respect I remain &c

Jos. W. Pennett

No. 3.

James O'Hara Esqr. War department

Q. M. General - May 29th. 1792. -

Sir/

I have understood that six brass cannon have in the most unjustifiable manner been left upon the road, and also three Tons

of Sheet Iron.

This infamous conduct I pray you to examine and have the articles instantly forwarded to Pittsburgh, and also to state to me the conduct of the said Waggoners in order that they may be prosecuted according to Law. -

I am Sir, with respect - Your Hble Servt. -

H Knox

Secy of War.

No. 4.

James O'Hara Esqr. Lexington June 8th 1792.

Dr. M. Genl. -

Sir/

I take the earliest opportunity to let you know that in consequence of the low Corn I was ordered to purchase in this Country, all that was to be bought convenient to the Ohio I have purchased but that will not amount to more than two thousand bushels. I will therefore be glad if you will give the necessary orders to obtain from five to six thousand bushels of forage at fort Pitt[3] which may come down tho' the Ohio should be rather low, with some of the Troops.

I think that it is hardly probable that it will be wanted sooner than August or September next and freshes in the river are

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3. Fort Pitt was located on the present site of Pittsburgh, Pa. Ibid., II, 532.

not uncommon at that time. Corn has been offered to me since my arrival, in different parts of this District at 7/6d[4] Virga Currency per barrel of 5 bushels but to transport it at present is almost impossible without paying an extravagant price.

I have no doubt but will succeed in the purchase of horses and oxen and if necessary, ready to send them loaded with corn to fort Washington[5] in July. In case you approve of this plan of transportation, it will be required pack Saddles to be bought, and that may be done on good terms, and the forage delivered at fort Washington at a low rate.

I hope to hear from you soon, and remain in haste Sir Your very Hble Servt.

Jno. Pelli D.Q.M.G.[6]

No. 5.

James O'Hara War Department 29th June 1792

Qr. M. General. -

Sir/

I have received your favor of the 20th. Instant and I am happy to learn the confidence that you shall be able to perform the duties of your Department in a satisfactory manner.

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4. Currency at this time was still not regulated throughout the colonies, and Kentuckians, mostly from Virginia, dealt in terms of Virginia currency. Therefore the price referred to here was seven shillings, six pence per barrel of five bushels corn.

5. Fort Washington, built in 1789 was on site of present Cincinnati.

6. John Pelli, a native of Kentucky, was deputy quarter master general from April 11, 1792 to Nov. 8, 1794. Heitman, op. cit., I, 20[illegible].

I really am of Opinion that Major Craig[7] ought to have the pay and emoluments of a Deputy Quarter Master General. His punctuality, fidelity and industry are such as to be of peculiar importance in the place where he is, as he had the charge of receiving and distributing all the public stores.

I think you may engaged good mechanics at 15 Dollars besides extra provisions, but they ought to be engaged for two or three years unless sooner discharged

I am glad you have not yet purchased many Horses - The Commander in Chief being upon the Spot, will instruct you upon that and all other parts of your duty.[8]

The returns of the Tents and Camp Equipage is presumed to be abundant. A particular return shall be transmitted to you and if there should be any deficiency you will either provide them or require them to be provided here. - I shall write to Major Craig about Campbell's Shot. -

I am sir Your Hble. Servt.

H. Knox

Secy. of War.

No. 6.

Extract of a Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Secretary of War - dated.

"Treasury Department Augt. 6th 1792."

"All advances for supplies in the quarter Master Department

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7. Major Isaac Craig, Deputy Quarter Master at Pittsburgh, May, 1792 to Oct., 1796. Ibid., 332.

8. Major General Anthony Wayne was the commander-in-chief.

will be made to the quarter Master after the first of next month, by warrants in his favor from the Treasury and he will have to account immediately to the Treasury for the disbursement of the monies committed to him."

It will of course be necessary for the quarter Master to have an Attorney or Deputy at this place. The provision for compensation of a Deputy having been made it is of necessity that he should depute some person who is otherwise in the employ of the government -

(Declared)

Jno. Stagg Junr Chf Ck

No. 7.

James O'Hara Esqr. War department

Q. Master Gl. - August 7th. 1792

Sir/

I have the honor to enclose you the extract of a letter of the 6th Instant from the Secretary of the Treasury;[9] and to request that you would immediately make the appointment in form as therein requested.

I am sir with respect Your Obt. Servt,

H Knox

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9. Alexander Hamilton was secretary of the treasury and, as such, had control of the monies used by the armed services.

No. 8.

James O'Hara Esqr Philada. Augt. 8th. 1792 -

Sir/

General Knox has shewn me an Extract of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury - relative to the appointment of an agent to receive the Money and make the purchases of stores appurtenant to your Department -

As I conceive the allusion in the Extract is to myself, being the only public Officer here - engaged in making purchases for every Department, and from what passed between us in Pittsburgh, I feel a freedom in offering my Services to you for the purposes mentioned. -

And as no provision of pay is made I agree to receive such compensation as may be hereafter thought reasonable for this branch of my service.

Being thoroughly acquainted with the mode of doing business in the public Offices, if you choose to authorise me, I will receive and transmit, or otherwise dispose, as you may direct of all sums issued to your Department.

I am Sir Your most Obt Servt.

Samuel Hodgdon[10]

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10. Samuel Hodgdon has been the army quarter master general from March 4, 1791 to April 12, 1792 when he was superceded by James O'Hara. O'Hara approved of his appointment, referred to above, and Hodgdon became commissary of military stores. Heitman, op. cit., I, 532.

No. 9.

James O'Hara Esqr. : Philada. Septemr. 1st. 1792. -

Sir/

I received your letter of the 17th Ultimo. The Letter of Attorney not being enclosed to me as mentioned, and the Secretary of war being out of town at the time it arrived, I had not knowledge of it until after the Departure of the Post. Since then I have received and lodged it with the Secretary of the treasury, and in consequence thereof have received the Ten thousand Dollars requested in your Letter to Genl. Knox, which I shall forward by the first sav[f?]e conveyance that presents. If none offers soon, shall send it by a special messenger. -

I wish you had mentioned the kind of money which would be best to remit in. Mr. Hamilton wishes me to draw as little Specie as will possibly answer believing that your wishes and his may be both gratified.

I shall send one moiety of the Money now drawn in Gold, and the other in small bank bills, in future requisitions will thank you to be explicit on this particular.

My powers being similar I shall conduct your business with the war and Treasury Departments as I did that of Colonel Pickering, when he was Quarter Master General[11]

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11. Timothy Pickering had been quarter master general to Washington during the American Revolution. Later, he became Secretary of War, succeeding Henry Knox. Ibid., 790.

I shall be happy to hear from you by all opportunities and you may rest assured of a _____ and full Communication in return

I am sir your most Obt. Servt.

Samuel Hodgdon.

No. 10.

James O'Hara Esqr. Philada. Septemr. 5th. 1792

Sir.

No opportunity presenting to forward the money mentioned in my last Letter to you, I have concluded as I then hinted to send a special messenger. I have selected a known and approved person for the purpose so that I rest satisfied it will go safely and speedily to hand.

Inclosed you have Duplicate Receipts which I wish you to sign and return by the Bearer.

By Agreement with the Secretary of the Treasury, all requisitions for Money in future for your Department will be made in specific Estimates approved by the Secretary of War This is the mode formerly pursued and therefore perfectly understood. Any further supplies of Money that you may need - you will please to signify having special reference to the regulation on which Estimates will be received and attended to. The supplies procured for the Army have generally gone forward. - A few only remain, and

they are on the way.

I am Sir Your most obt Servt

Samuel Hodgdon Agt

No. 11.

James O'Hara Esqr Head Quarters.

Quarter Master General Pittsburgh Septembr. 10th 1792

Sir/

In taking a comprehensive View of the nature of the Service, for which the Legion of the United States is intended & the number of those that will be indispensibly necessary for offensive Operation or for a forward move into the Indian Country, their Support becomes an Object of the first consideration;

There will be to be provided for (independent of the pack horses) including the regular Cavalry the General and Sub Legionary Staff and for the Battalion Officers together with sixty in the Quarter Master's Department for Extra service, exclusive of eighty for Draft - at least five hundred Horses which will be a constant standing number whether in Camp or in the field - these for three hundred and sixty five Days at only eight Quarts p Head p Diem will be equal to 45,625 bushels of Grain, independent of damage and loss, which may be fairly estimated at 10 p ct, and when added to the above estimate, will rather exceed fifty thousand bushels of Grain exclusive of the twenty thousand heretofore authorised to the purchases by the Secretary of War, nearly

one half of which has already been consumed, the other half will answer present contingencies, or give a large allowance when oats are issued or when Hay or long forage can't be procured - You will therefore as Quarter Master General of the Legion of the United States - purchase or contract for fifteen thousand bushels of Oats and thirty five thousand bushels of Indian Corn to be delivered at this place and fort Washington in the course of this faul [fall] and early in the Spring, tenth of April next. and for five hundred tons of good Hay four hundred tons of which are to be delivered at fort Washington - and one hundred at this place as soon as possible or that circumstances will permit - There are about three hundred tons secured at fort Hamilton[12] which will be equal to eight hundred tons in the whole, therefore estimating the consumption at ten thousand weight p Diem including 10 p ct wasted or Damage[d], will serve for one hundred and sixty Days, which with the addition of Corn fodder that may be sufficient to last until the first or middle of May when it is to be hoped that green forage may be had on the Priries.

It will not be necessary for me to recommend economy because I am confident that you are fully impressed with the policy as well as propriety of observing the strictest upon all occasions consistant with the good of the Service. - Perhaps the principal part of the

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12. Fort Hamilton on the site of Hamilton was built in 1791 by Gen. Richard Butler of St. Clair's army. See: Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Quarterly, XIV, 404-407.

Indian Corn can be procurdd upon better terms in Kentucky than up the River, in that case you will give that place the preference, but the service must not suffer by uncertainty as very much depends upon a timely and ample supply of forage, I am therefore of Opinion that a person of activity and abilities and possessing the strictest honor and integrity ought to be appointed as an Assistant Quarter Master, to act as Commissary of forage and issues, however you are to judge of the propriety and expediency of such an assistant - perhaps it may not be necessary.

I am sir, your most obt and very Huml. Servt.

Anthy Wayne

No. 12.

James O'Hara Esqr. Pittsburgh Octobr. 11th. 1792.

Sir/

I have had the honor to receive your appointment of forage master Genl. in the service of the United States by & with the advice of his excellency Major General Anthony Wayne Commander in Chief of the Legion of the United States.

I trust I feel duly impressed with a sense of the confidence his excellency - General Wayne & yourself repose on me, and do hereby accept of the appointment.

I would beg leave at the same time to observe that the forage for a Horse would be a small object, and from the nature of the appointment I cannot conceive that I am intitled to demand it

from the United States.

I have the honor to be sir with high esteem your Hble. servt.

Thomas McCully[12]

No. 13.

Col. James O'Hara [illegible] Lexington Septemr. 27th. 1792

Qr. Mr. Genl.

Sir/

This moment I received from General James Wilkinson[13] dispatches for his Excellency Major General Wayne and the Secretary of War which I am ordered to forward pr. Express to pittsburgh. Mr. Copeland who is charged with this business is recommended to me as an honest active man has done the like for me before with speed I have engaged to pay him forty Dollars for the trip to pittsburgh which he is to perform in sixteen days and is to have two Dollars for every day he delivers the Letters before the 15th. of October next. - he is also obliged to go with those for Philadelphia for the same money, but I expect his Horse will be pretty much tired by the time he gets to pittsburgh, and that of course you will prefer the post

I am sir Your very Humble Servt.

Jno. Pollio D. Q. M. Gl.

United States Army

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13. Brigadier General James Wilkinson, Wayne's second in command. Wilkinson succeeded St. Clair to the command in the west following the defeat of Nov. 4, 1791. Later he became commander-in-chief of the army (1813-1815). Heitman, op. cit., I, 1037.

P. S. I have paid Mr. Copeland eight Dollars on Account - you will please to pay him the balance. -

J. H.

No. 14.

Col. James O'Hara Lexington September 21st, 1792

Q M Genl

Sir

I wrote you from Kentucky in July last, acknowledging the receiption of yours of the 18th June, and inform you that hath [?] accomplish'd the purchase of 250 Cavalry horses and 20 Yoke of Oxen of the last article I might have purchased more had not policy directed me to the contrary, but finding them I bought sufficient for the present use, forage Scarce, and the Article obtainable at all times. I thought best to Stop, the Oxen answer very well, and most of them I bought from very Good, they cost between 35 and 36 Dolls a yoke. I also bought (by orders of the Commanding General here [Wilkinson]) 5 Complete Waggons, 3 of which being obtained in Kentucky, I loaded with Oats, and by the way of Limestone with the Oxen, took them to Fort Washington, some are us'd at the Outposts, and some engag'd carrying forage from Head Quarters to Fort Hamilton. I made a Contract with A Scott & Co for 2000 bushels of Oats, to be deliver'd in this Month at Fort Washington at about $\frac{34\ 1/2}{100}$, and with a Mr. Lewis for 800 bushels at $\frac{33\ 1/3}{100}$ which you will find to be bargains.

the Oats will Stand Scott at this place $\frac{45}{100}$ at least, corn has been very high indeed, a few hundred bushels I bought when I came down last Spring at $\frac{33\ 1/3}{100}$ and which I receiv'd in August would have Sold at $\frac{50}{100}$ added to this the uncommon dry Summer, and bad Crops that must follow, I have no doubt but we shall be Oblig'd to give high prices for what we purchase abot. here, the transportation from Kentucky I find more & more difficult as well as expensive, which makes forage high by the time it lands at Fort Washington (tho' bought low in that Country) you will find it Sir, to the advantage of the public to purchase at least 10,000 or 12,000 bushels Corn, in your Settlement, if it can be purchas'd at $\frac{40}{100}$ or thereabouts, but let me recommend it to have boats differently constructed of the last, for without it Considerable losses will be sustain'd the second floor must be at least 9 Inches from the bottom of the boat and would also think it advisable to have boats not so very large, because smaller ones are more easily Steer'd, and the property of course is more Safe. - I was in Kentucky when your forage landed for which I am sorry in many accounts. The 22nd of August I recd. yours dated July 8th and according to your orders proceeded to the purchase of a brigade of pack horses (Mr. Benham having but 15 in all and some of them unfit for Service) obliged me to set out for Kentucky where I bought 51, and pack saddles &c, and left those with them loaded with oats the beginning of September, the horses &c, average about 21 $\frac{40}{100}$ Dolls. I also bought 9. at Fort Washington, they have made two trips alread to Fort Hamilton, with two of our Waggons, and carry about 220 bushels

corn a trip the road is very bad. the necessity of having large Quantities of forage at the Outposts is evident to me in a Letter I wrote the General the other day, in answer to one I received, in which he ask'd my opinion of the Quantity that ought to be lodg'd at Fort Jofferson, I mention'd from 3,000 to 4,000 bushels and you will find if an active campaign takes place next summer it will not be too much but Sir how long will it take 60 or 70 horses to accomplish a desire of the Kind. I think about 12 Waggons going constantly from Fort Washington to Fort Hamilton and about 200 Packhorses from the last place to Fort Jefferson[14] would Suffice, with industry for about two Months to carry forward all we want, & by that means accomplish our wish. I have order'd the necessary Store houses to be built, and most of them would be ready now had I tools, nails &c I bought about 200 lbs of the last Article in Kentucky but that did not last long, and for Want of them now am oblig'd to set the blacksmiths (wanted for other uses) at splitting bars of Iron for nail rods, this is the only way I have to get nails, (as there is none to be bought) and a tedious process it is, I am glad to see Major Rudolph[15] was on his Way for this Country for several reasons, and by him I am to receive some remittance, it is wanted indeed, 25000 Dlls I received for the purchase of Cavalry horses, the keeng of which cost near 300 Dollars a week, paid for 20 yoke Oxon. I had also to purchase

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14. Fort Jefferson on the site of present Ft. Jefferson was the northernmost post of the American army at this time. It was built by St. Clair in 1791. Ibid., II, 512.

15. Major Michael Rudolph was commandant of the dragoons and later adjutant and inspector of the army. He resigned July 17, 1793. Ibid., I, 850.

Waggons, forage, a brigade of pack horses, saddles &c, had to pay for several Articles wanted at Fort Washington, & at the out posts, to a pretty large amount, furnisd Mr Harris on Genl. Wilkinson's Warrant with 700 Dollars for old debts due by the Department, have paid between 30 and 40 Artificers 2 Months pay, most of them entitled to pay since the 1st of may last, I also paid drivers, packhorsemen & masters and sundry other Sums. I need therefore not tell you that Money is much wanted here the fact is I shall soon be dependt. a Situation. I do not like neither as I think it advantageous to our department, it will take at least 10,000 Dollars to pay what is due to your Government, Just not accounts were laid before me for about 400 Ds. Virga. Curry. for Quarter Master Articles deliver'd Major Hamtranck[16] at Fort Knox[17] by Elliot and Williams[18] - I have been very much employ'd this last Week in taking possession of all Stores on hand at Fort Washington and opening a set of books for that purpose. Mr. Harris having to settle the old business is of little service, I have advis'd him to retire all together at least until he has done with Mr Hodgdons business and as for Mr. Webb I did not see cause to appoint him, he being concern'd in a Store at Cincinnati, & that kind of people I suppose you do not like in the Department, besides can as yet do without him. I discharg'd the Forage Master who I found at Fort

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16. Major John Francis Hamtranck commanded the 1st Sub Legion on the active campaign, but at this time served under Wilkinson in the west. Ibid., 496.

17. Fort Knox was located at Vincinnes, Indiana. Ibid., II, 515.

18. Elliot and Williams were the contractors for the army.

Washington (he receiv'd 15 Dollars a Month) because I found he was very illiterate and engag'd a Young Man highly recommended to me, tolerable Active & better acquainted with business, he acts as forage Master and Officiates as Clerk in the Office also. I pay him 18 Dollars a Month for 3 Months, and expect will prove useful he is a perfect Stranger to me, his Name is D Davis, and did a Holme's business in Kentucky; considerable changes will be necessary in the department particularly amongst the Artificers; I can with pleasure inform you that every thing goes on Smooth, and flatter myself will meet your Approbation as it has the Genls on every occasion, nothing but money, tools, and Materials is wanted, and that I hope will not be the case long. This moment Genl Wilkinson orders me to purchase at least 7. more Waggons, and 120 pack horses equipp'd for Service, how this Suits my finances you may Judge, notwithstanding his orders shall be accomplish'd for the Department's honour is at Stake, being order'd to fulfil the above by the 1st of October you will excuse me for quitting so abruptly, but believe me to remain with great respect Sir Your Very humble servant

Jno. Tedd D Q M Genl

United States Army

P.S. As it is necessary to make a number of Changes in our Departmt. which I do not meddle with expecting your orders every day I should be glad to know whether it will be Shortly for if business should detain you above this fall and Winter, I would make what alterations I thought useful during your absence

Monthly pay of Artificers &c at Fort Washington

Wheelwrights from 13. to 16 Dollars
Carpenters 10 to 13 ~~22 1/2~~ Dollars } excellt. workmen
Blacksmiths 10 to 13 Dollars

Packhorse drivers from 10 to 12 Dollars

those who are Acquainted with driving Ox Teams at 13 Dolls.

No. 15.

Col. James O'Hara War Department

Q M Genl October 26 1792

Sir

Your letter of the 19th Instant has been receiv'd containing a requisition for fifty thousand Dollars for the objects Specified.-

This request will be consider'd and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury

You will please to transmit to the Office immediately a return of the Packhorses oxen, Packs, and Waggons in Service, and the Objects for and places at which they are employ'd.

It will also be necessary that you transmit the objects for which the five hundred pack horses mention'd in your Estimate are desired. Mr. Bolli expecting his letter would come thro' the Wilderness transmitted a duplicate open of his letter to you of the 21st September, but as you have receiv'd the first I have retain'd the duplicate

It is necessary that you should Monthly transmit to me an Abstract specifying generally the Objects and amount of your payments. You will for the past exhibit a general abstract. It

is not expected that this should be precise, or accompanied with Vouchers but to Serve as a General index of the expenditures.

I am Sir Your very humble Servt.

Henry Knox

No. 16.

Col. James O'Hara Philadelphia Nov. 1st 1791

Quarter Mas. General

Sir/

Your letter of the 19th Ulto came duly to hand - in consequence of it immediate application was made in form prescribed for fifty thousand Dollars - and Yesterday a Warrant Issued for thirty five thousand Dollars, from which I am directed to deduct the Amount of a small estimate previously preferr'd for furnishing the horse furniture and remit the remainder which shall be done with a moments loss of time - but here it will be proper to inform you that the Secretary of the Treasury admits only twenty five hundred Dollars to be forwarded in Specie which agreeable to Your Request shall come forward in Dollars and other Silver Coins - the remainder in Notes shall be in equal proportions of the denominations you request and they shall be properly enclo's and sent to you by Post, not all at once, for obvious reasons but by two or three Successive posts, I mention this precaution supposing it possible it may assist your arrangements - The Silver part of the remittance I hope to have on the Way on Monday or tuesday next & the subsequent post shall bring on a Moity of the Notes - time would not admit of

any portion of the Money's going forward by this Conveyance -

The horse supplies are in forwardness and will be lessened next Week and the paper also mentioned in the same Indent -

I am Sir Your Most Obt. Servant

Saml. Hodgdon

No. 17.

James O'Hara Esqr — Fort Washington October 28, 1792

Quarter Master General

Sir

The 21st September I had the honor to write you which letter Sent you per express, and tho' a man arriv'd here the other day from Pittsburgh with dispatches, have not receiv'd a line from you which I am sorry of. this day I send for the third time to Fort Jefferson about 130 Pack horses with forage each trip there lodge between 3. and 400 bushels, the balance is fed away, and that is all the horses have to exist upon for the food in the Woods has been distroy'd 3 Week[s] ago by the frost and is much against us. I bought and paid $\frac{33\ 1/3}{100}$ for 1000 bushels Corn about 5 miles from here the 17th Inst and am daily receiving it, I made also a purchase of 500 bushels at the same price receivable in November, 26 miles below this Post - my chance for obtaining large Quantities of forage about here as observ'd in my last Letter, is bad, unless I pay at least $\frac{50}{100}$, the early frost, unseasonable Summer, and Warms last Spring, occasions Crops to be

unaccountable Short. The 23rd I went to Fort Hamilton ~~and~~ to see matter[s] go there as ought to do and return'd the 26th. our Assistant there who also did the business under Col. Hodgdon, wishes to be reliev'd. he want'd to see his friends eastwardly. I shall send Mr. Harris at that post. at Fort Jefferson I have a Son of Major Strong's[19] to do our business, which by the bye is but trifling, I wish a good, honest, clever man, could be sent to Post St Vincent,[20] the way the Commandant there, gets his Supplies, from Elliot & Williams is much against the Public Interest, he paying a most exorbitant price for every article he purchases, numbers of people there have offer'd to do our business, but the Climate there does not afford a great many honest men. enclos'd is a list of Artificers now under pay at this and the Out posts, in a month from Now I will be able to get all the prices of Artillery here, completely mounted and without more prices come down, I will be able to discharge a good many the days are Short of Course but little labour done, by what there is in Spring and Summer, I beg to Know your opinion on this head Some of the Workmen are excellent to your Government. I am plagued now for money from Morning till night and but little to dispose of I borrow'd lately 600 Dollars, and expect to get a thousand more which I must return again shortly or give bills on

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19. David Strong, at this time a major in the 2nd Sub Legion, later became its commander. Heitman, op. cit., I, 932.

20. Post St Vincent (later the site of Fort Knox) was at Vincinnes. Ibid., II, 541.

Philadelphia for the amount - in a few days I expect to receive Orders from Genl Wilkinson to bring forward the Cavalry horses from Kentuckey, which he has hinted to me already [illegible] to accomplish this without I get remittances first. I dont Know for the people will not easily give up the horses unless they are paid for Keeping them, they have lost [?] at different times by Contractors and are so Ignorant that it is impossible to convince them (our engagements tho' warranted by Government) to be of another nature than those of the Contractors, if the General gives the order my telling him there is no money here will be no plea at all. The time of obtaining money on bills in these parts, is September and March. I ever frequently ask'd last September and might have had my Sum I pleas'd on my bills but now remittances being Generally sent in, money is not so easily to be had notwithstanding if I must bring in the horses before your remittances arrive here not a book to keep a Cash Account, is to be had at the place, as every fire place in the house I live Smoakes badly, I would be glad you would Send me down a Stove or some Sheet Iron to make one which I intend placing in the Office I am just now call'd upon to procure Vessels for a number of Indians and Escort to be convey'd up to Pittsburgh. I will fix them as well as my situation will ad it of but without boats tar and other Materials it is difficult for me to do it as well as I wuld wish two good Keel bottom boats would answer a good purpose here to send Corn up the Miami to Fort Hamilton as soon as the roads are too bad for Waggons which will [illegible] be shortly the case. If the Cavalry is

to escort provisions to the out posts this winter thro' the Infamous roads to Fort Jefferson, to be tied to a tree of nights without any thing to eat but a little Corn or Oats, will be much against them and break down any horse. those I bought are generally young and fat and without they are gradually us'd, and with great Care they will make but a poor appearance next Spring, the day at Fort Hamilton tho' very good has by no means the Substance that hay has in common neither do horses unaccustom'd to it eat it as greedy as they do other hay, by Mr. Hackney I receiv'd this day 308 bushels of tolerable good Corn. the Balance which ought to be 52 Bushels (to make up the quantity you Shipp'd) is fit for nothing but to be thrown away for neither horse or Ox will eat it. In my last letter I mention'd that 10000 Dollars would be about sufficient for what was then due by the Department. that sum was exclusive of the purchase of About 140 back horses the pay of Additional Master drivers &c I therefore now inform you that 15000 Dollars is at least wanted to pay off all demands existing at present - I never saw a form of an Abstract of Qr. Master Stores that I lik'd I think alphabetically is the most proper mode to make them out and hope will meet your Approbation

I am with great respect Your Very humble Servant

Jno Pelli D Q M General

United States Army

No. 18.

Col. James O'Hara — Lexington 17th November 1792

Sir

I receiv'd yours of the 17th October with sundry Articles, but so intermix'd with those belonging to other departments that it will be some time before I can send you an Accurate receipt of such, as was intended for me. I will take it Kind of Major Craig if in future will Store the Articles intended for me in a boat by themselves, and forward me an Invoice of them only, which will prevent Confusion. By Major Rudolph I have receiv'd ten thousand Dollars for which your Account is duly Credited I see with satisfaction the progress you have made in providing Short forage & can now inform you with pleasure that I have Contracted this day with Messrs Morton & Wilkins for the delivery of 9000 Bushels Corn VIZ 1000 bushs in this place the 26th Inst a 7/Va. Currt. pr. Barrel 3000 at Fort Washington by the 1st January, 2000 Dollars to be paid on account the 20th Inst, in a Bill on Phila. and the Remainder on the delivery of the Corn from time to time acct becomes due. It's my opinion this Corn will not stand in higher than that which is bought in your Country considering the hire of hands purchase of Boats, losses by damagd Corn &c I therefore expect you will approve of the bargain for believe me it is as low as can be bought at present. I wanted them to engage the delivery of twice that Quantity but in vain. I was not a little surprised when General Wilkinson calld on me the 9th Inst for transport for 25000 Bushels corn to be sent to Fort Jefferson, 10,000 to Fort St. Clair, and 10,000 to Fort

Hamilton informing me at the same time you had receiv'd Instructions to provide the necessary means of Convoyance.[21] you inform me General Wilkinson will receive letters on this Subject that I have not the means to purchase 1800 or 2,000 Packhorses you must be sensible of & that will be barely sufficient to carry a matter of the kind into execution with the least hope of Succeeding. In his letter dated the 10th Inst he orders me to purchase 300 horses, on which business I am now in this Town, and will commence the 21st and get as many as my money (and that which I can get on Bills on Phila) will allow me, expecting at the same time you will make the necessary Provisions. I expect considerable remittances from you shortly, for you must now be sensible that without purchases daily made of forage &c the monthly expence of the Department at Fort Washington amounts to at least 1500 Dollars and more added to this the Keeping of Cavalry horses, you will be a Judge how far the 10,000 Dollars goes which I receivd by Major Rudolph this last order of General Wilkinson was principally occasioned by our Convoy being attack'd the 6th Inst when the Enemy took about 140 or ouf horses also bags Packsaddles, tents &c. I have been much in want of nails & glass. tho' I made some purchases in august last, and as Articles of the Kind did not come down by the last boats sufficiently, I have to purchase some here to make Quarters comfortable for the winter. I have

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21. Fort St. Clair (near Eaton, O.) was built by Major John Cano on order of Wilkinson in 1792.

drawn this day on the Secretary of War for 8090 Dolls 66 2/3 Cts in favour of sundries, 25 days after sight, which you will be kind enough to see duly honor'd for should a disappointment take place to the holders of those Bills (by a Protect &c) our Credit will be ruin'd and future purchases impracticable, without we have the Gold or Silver in our hands in Short my own Credit is materially at Stake on this Occasion, and can Assure you (after what happen'd to Mr Duer's Bills, for there is no discrimination here) it is not easy to obtain Money on bills.

I am with much respect Sir Your Very humble Servt

(Signed)John Bellie D Q M General

United States Army

No. 19.

James O'Hara Q M G October 10th 1792

Sir

Inclos'd you have an agreement for One hundred Tons hay which is submitted for your approbation or disapprobation. should you approve of it the Contract will stand otherwise from agreement with Captain Lang it falls to the Ground the Merchants at Red Stone have rais'd the price of Oats to 2/ per bushel which has prevented more from com[ing] in.

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servant

William Sutherland

No. 20.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh November 5, 1792

Q M General

Sir

I should have waited personally on you but am prevented by being appointed to settle this Publick business at Washington which will detain me three days at least; meanwhile I suppose the Magazine will be reinstating and as Obstinacy with Inexperience has one [once?] Occasion'd a failure I much doubt it may take place in the present mode it is conducted. the Soldi[e]rs bricklayers can work well, but not without such directions as is impossible for them to obtain from the present Superintendant.

When Major Craig ask'd me to point out these he[n] to help me, it was agreed to finish my Contracted Job (which could not have been above 10 days) then to have immediately done the Magazine which would have been much sooner than it can now be. -

Sir I do not Know if the Contract of this business lays with you or not, but as you blam'd me for erecting it on the place it was on before I now point out my doubts and hope for the public Good and credit of these concern'd, it may answer the desird purpose -

I am Sir Your Obt. Servant

(sd) Willim Grays -

No. 21.

Jmes O'Hara Esqr Phila November 9 1792

Q M Gl

Sir

I have pack'd in a light barrel and mark'd to your address twenty five hundred Specie dollars and tomorrow they go forward in Brothertons waggon he Knows nothing of the Contents. I judg'd it safer to have it consider'd as common loading the barrel contains besides Seventy five Knapsacks, which you will please to deliver to Major Craig tomorrow I shall send you ten thousand Dollars in Notes, and shall continue thus to forward by Post until the sum drawn for you is all put into your hands

Inclos'd you have an Invoice of the Cash now forwarded the receipt of which I wish you to Acknowlege and at the same time inclose me a receipt for the Amt expressing each denomination of Notes and Cash that compose the aggregate.

The whole indent for the Cavalry goes forwd to morrow all other demands shall be attended to with promptness.

The black colour of the Dollars may seem novel, it is explaind when you recollect that to get them out of certain Posts of a neighbouring Kingdom it's necessary to immerge them in bilge water - a little circulation gives them their pristine appearance

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servant

(sd) Samuel Hodgdon

No. 22.

James O'Hara Esqr. War Department November 9th. 92

Q.M. Gl.

Sir

I have receiv'd your favor of the 2nd Inst. with its Inclosures

The Secretary of the treasury has advanc'd 38,000 Dollars to your Agent which with the former Sums makes 107,000 Dollars to your department

If the other sum of 15,000 Dollars contain'd in your former estimate be indispensable I shall upon your further advice apply for it.

Please to let me know what experiment you have made with Oxen, and the Success.

I am Sir Your humble Servant

(sd) Henry Knox

No. 23.

James O'Hara Esqr. Marietta November 13, 1792

Q. M. General

Sir

As we have purchas'd the Corn agreeable to our Contract made on the 4th of October last and as most of the Corn lays much expos'd to our Enemies we should be much oblig'd if you would send the Boats as soon as possible in order to have it taken away - We could if agreeably furnish one boat of 50 feet.

We must repeat it again we think no time should be lost in sending on the Boats for many reasons which Mr. Robbins (the bearer) can give Should you want to employ any person to oversee the business in receiving and delivering the Corn we can recommend Mr. Robbins as a good trusty youn[g] man he having been a considerable time in our business

Wishing you to inform us respecting the above as soon as may be

We remain Your Obt humble Servt

(sd) Green & Heggs

No. 24.

James O'Hara Esqr. Philadelphia November 16. 92

Q. M. G.

Sir

Agreeably to my promise made in a former letter, I again enclose to your address ten thousand dollars in Bank promissary notes 5 Dollar notes could not be procured as there were no blanks of that Denomination Struck, a greater number of 10s is forwarded to make up the deficiency of small notes By next post I hope to hear that the 1st 10,000 Dollars is receiv'd and by the subsequent Post that this has also come safely to hand.

The Dollars I hope will be with you in 15 days from this date

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servant

(signed) Saml Hodgdon

No. 25.

James O'Hara Esqr Red Stone November 26, 92

Q M G.

Sir

On my way to this place I call'd at Dickets hoping to put the Boat and grain at that place in a train for going down, but Mr. Dicket wishes to see Mr Sutherland before he lets the Grain out of his possession. I expect Sutherland here to day and will endeavour to send him to Dickets' that that boat may be ready to do down with two that are here, which I hope to start the 1st of December - I have orderd one new Boat that will be ready the 10th December which will make four Grain Boats, these four will take down 2,500 bus Corn (old) that is ready and some oats I will send one more boat load of hay - Should you think any more hay or Grain necessary to be sent down this fall please let me know as soon as possible.

I am Sir with esteem Your most Obt Servant

(sd) Geo. McCully

No. 26.

James O'Hara Esqr. Red Stone Old Fort, December 3rd. 1792

Q M G.

Sir

I received yours of the 3rd Inst. I am truly sorry to hear that the Legion is destitute of Forage, but would be infinitely more so If I considered it owing to neglect, or want of exertion in me - you will please to remember Sir when I commenc'd the business of purchasing Grain, it was at a time when no old grain was expected, and directions from you holding forth that no reason nor motives would Justify the storing of any speices of grain that is not perfectly dry, prevented me from making Contracts for any early delivered and I know it was your Opinion at that time that Sutherland had purchas'd old Grain enough to answer the demand, until new Grain would be dry enough to ship and Store and perhaps Mr. Sutherland has purchasd enough for that purpose - If he would only send it forward I have exerted every power I possess to forward that Grain but could not move it unless I would pay large demands, and which I call'd very improper ones, and that I did not choose to do nor would I do it yet and if there is a want of forage I am convinc'd it is not fault of mine but Mr. Sutherlands or your own for appointing such a person to the business. You seem mightily surpris'd that I should enquire whether any more than 4 boats with Grain and one with hay should be sent down this fall, it would not be a surprising thing to you if you will only recollect, that you told me when I was in Pittsburgh not to let Lang send more than one load of his Hay your also told me that 3,000 bushels of old Corn would be enough to send down with the Legion, and I expected the 4 boats would

have carried that much when I made the enquiry. Another reason why I made the enquiry was the danger of the River freezing. I did not think it proper to endanger a Boat if we could do without the Contents. I cannot conceive it necessary for you to give yourself any trouble respecting the notice I have taken of my instructions, it is my Opinion that I have attended to every part of them - and if you think otherwise you are at Liberty, and have full power to call me to Account - but I will not suffer my feelings to be hurt with impunity when I am conscious I have done my duty - therefore desire you may in future exhibit a charge, and support it before you proceed to reprimand me. You request that I will in reality let you Know what you have to depend on respecting Forage. all I can say at present is that one Boat Star'd to day with 450 Bus. Corn, and one I expect to start to morrow with 330 bus. Corn, and 200 bus Oats, I think there is a boat star'd from Dickets by this time but not certain. Mr Sutherland has been busied in loading one there since the 27th November. Should the river keep open the demand of Grain and hay at Legion Ville[22] may be readily sent forward but I may judge better in a few days I shall haste[n] to Pittsburgh.

I am your most Obt Servant

(sd) Geo. McCully

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22. Legion Ville was Wayne's camp on the Ohio River, 22 miles below Pittsburgh. Heitman, op. cit., II, 517.

No. 27.

[To O'Hara] Red Stone, date as above

Sir

Since I finish'd the enclos'd I have determined to remain here until the Quantity of 4,000 bushels of Grain may be sent forward to satisfy the demand at Legion Ville. A great part of which must be sent in the car as the people will not consent to shell their Corn before it drys. If Cribbs has taken down 5 tons of hay from Turtle creek and from the 9 mile run as I directed him I have sent already Seventy eight tons, and the 30 tons that is trussing will make 108 tons, that is more than the first demand, I expect the Truss'd hay on immediately.

The quantity of Corn return'd by Mr Sutherland at this place fall[s] short 620 bushels, in place of 1200 there is only 500 he will also fall short of what he return'd at Ricketts how much I dont yet Know -

I am Sir your humble Servt

Geo. McCully

No. 28.

James O'Hara Esqr Head Quarters Legion Ville Dec 7. 92

Q M General

Dr Sir

Captain Pryor[23] with Sixteen Indian Chiefs three Squaws and two Interpreters, arrivd at this place on the 4th and proceeded

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23. Captain Abner Prior was assigned to the 3rd Sub Legion, but seems to have been the "go-between" between the army and the Indians. Ibid., I, 808.

yesterday for Pittsburgh where you may expect them some time this evening. Agreeably to the instructions receiv'd some time since from the Secretary of War (of which you had the [illegible]) you will please to direct every necessary accommodation for their conveyance to Phila. and their Support whilst on the Road, for which purpose it may be necessary to appoint and send on some discreet and Confidential person to act as Quarter Master on the Route, and to provide provision and lodging for them, as well as forage for the horses that may be employ'd on the Occasion;

Enclo'd are Circular letters to the Lieutenants of the Counties of Allegheny, Westmoreland & Bedford which you'll please to seal & forward by express.

I could wish that you had an interview with Col. Campbell. Col. Neville will be so obliging as to escort them as far as Greensburgh, and deliver them to the protection of Col. Campbell personally which will ensure them a safe escort -[24]

This Snow alarms me for gods sake what keep[s] back the forage and boats, my best & kindest Compliments to Mrs O'Hara, and all our mutual friends;

I am with true esteem Your Most Obt & very humble Servant

(signed) Anthy. Wayne

PS. Major Butler will be able to give you every intelligence from this quarter, Straw is much wanted for the health and Comfort of the troops -

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24. Probably William Campbell and John Neville are meant here. Both were heroes of the Revolutionary War and at this time in the Pennsylvania militia. Ibid., 279, 744 respectively.

25. Major Thomas Butler of the 4th Sub Legion. Ibid., 270.

No. 29.

Col. James O'Hara

Quarter Master General

Head Quarters Legion Ville Dec. 16[?] 92

dear Sir

I cant help repeating my anxiety on Account of Forage you say there are One thousand bushels of Grain now on the Spot, and are Ample supply in our power, but suppose the river full of ice an event that will inevitably take place in the course of a few days, and perhaps in forty eight hours from this moment how then will it be in our power; it will require near 4,000 bushels to serve us until the 10th March ie at the rate of twelve hundred bus por Month, you really have not one single moment to spare

The express boat ought always to be at the place on thursday morning as long as the river keeps open, so as to carry my dispatches in time for the post - have you seen or heard any thing of the Indian Interpreter who was with Major Truemen[26] when Kill'd; he ought to have been at Pittsburgh before this time, pray forward him the moment he arrives.

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servant

(sd) Anthy Wayne

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26. Major Alexander Trueman was killed about April 30, 1792. Earlier he had been present and wounded in St. Clair's defeat, Nov. 4, 1791. Ibid., 972.

No. 30.

James O'Hara Esqr. West Liberty Decembr 13. 92

D N G

Sir/

The prices of Corn and oats being raisd much higher than when I contracted with you forces me to give as much here as I am to get at Fort Washington it now rests with you to allow me what will make me safe as Mr. Sutherland gives 2/6 for Corn and has people purchasing here for him. - I means to deliver the Grain according to Contract but wish to know if you will give me any more than what we have agreed for as I know it is in your Power.

I am with deference &c

(sd) William McKinley

No. 31.

Col James O'Hara Pittsburgh December 13th 92

D M Gl

Sir

The bearer Mr Salander, the Gentleman you were so kind to appoint Quarter Master &c to the Chiefs, he waits on you as well to acknowledge the Obligation as to receive your instructions. -

On further acquaintance with the business I find the appointment extremely lucky as the Interpreters are french speaking but little English, and the Indians speak French - Mr Salanders french & English will no doubt be useful -

I am Your most Humble Servant

(Sd) Presley Neville[27]

No. 32.

Col James O'Hara Phila. December 28, 1792

Quarter M G.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th instant came duly to hand the contents gave me pleasure - the two thousand five hundrd Dollars shall be held for the purpose you mention, should any occurrence oblige you again to draw I have no doubt on the part of the Treasury but that the money will be furnish'd and on my own part you may rely for every possible assistance - Am happy to hear your General and his troops are comfortably quarter'd By the Stroke of the 6th Ulto I suspect the army will be obligd to operate early in the Spring until that news arrivd we had flatter'd ourselves that peace would take place but it is now the General opinion that no terms will be Accepted by the Indians until a sound drubbing shall teach them wisdom and this we do not despair of giving them next Campaign. Since your letters from Mr. Pelli have arriv'd and with them drafts to the amount of 6090 Dollars and two thirds, all of which I have paid they appear to have been given for Stores purchas'd, and Forage Contracted for under the directions of General Wilkinson about four

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27. Presley John Neville of Pittsburgh was the son of John Neville. He served with the federal troops during the War of 1812 as a lieutenant. Ibid., 744.

thousand Dollars more we are advis'd will be drawn on the same Accounts. -

The letter paper forwarded was as you request'd, the same as is us'd in the War Office at least that was my Orders to the Stationer however I will send you a duplicate of such as I know will answer your purpose - the news from france fitts all folks [?] here with Chearfulness The tyrants have had enough to do to get out of france they will never return on the same Errand.

Accept the Compliments of the season and believe me to be very Sincerely Your most obt Servant

(sd) Samuel Hodgdon

No. 33.

Colo. James O'Hara January 1st 1793

Sir

With the utmost regret I find I have unadvisedly contracted to perform what I find is out of my Power, and therefore take this earliest opportunity of informing you that it may not at least be the means of deranging any of your proceedings. I took unwell shortly after I got home, or would have wrote you sooner I found on my coming hence that Mr Duniston offer'd 2/6d Cash or 3/ in goods for Corn Also 2/6 in goods for Oats what he is buying this sort of Grain for I cant tell unless it is with the expectation of the scarcity of the Army in the Spring however I found immediately I could buy none under 2/6 and 2/9 Cash and indeed there are none but those who are in want of Cash that will even sell for that,

I perhaps will be able to purchase near the Quantity of Cats I have contracted for for which you allow me after all my troubles and risque but for less I find I cannot get it, I intend to purchase all I can even as high as 2/0 here, and will bring to you whatever I can procure as early as the water will permit and must entirely trust to your mercy and good nature to do as you will with me. I trust you have too much Generosity to ruin an Individual as an Agent that I think you would not take the same advantage of in a Private capacity or for private interest - especially as it was not for Speculation or any thing of the Sort that was my motive for entering into it - if you have any Commands or will order me to do any thing in my Power to perform in way of Satisfaction I will punctually do it but I hope you will not keep me strictly to my Contract as it is really out of my Power if you would determine to ruin me on Account of it. if you would favor me with a line it would be a particular favor conferrd on your most Obedient Servant

(sd) Alex McDowell

No. 34.

Colo James O'Hara — Head Quarters Legion Ville

Q M General — January 2nd 1793

dear Sir

You will please to issue as many Muskets & bayonets as will be sufficient to Arm Capt Winstons[28] dismounted dragoons, and furnish them & the detachment of Infantry that came with them with 24 round[s]

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28. William Winston at this time served under Maj. Rudolph in the cavalry. However, during the active campaign, Winston became the dragoon commander. Ibid., 1051.

of Ammunition; should they be in want of shoes you will also furnish one pair p man upon the return and receipt of the Commanding Officer. -

Should the river be open let the whole Detachment [illegible] it in the boat fitted for the purpose - but if shut let the detachment be ferried across the Allegheny, on friday morning with a guide to conduct them to this place

You will also send all the patches and a proportional quantity of thread for the reparation of the soldiers Cloathing; General Knox writes me that one hundred extra suits of Uniform has been sent on - should the whole or any part of it have arriv'd, forward it to this place upon sight Also Baron Steubens Blue books for the use of the Officers, don't fail to furnish me with a regular monthly return of all the Stores at Pittsburgh both Quarter master & Military.

I am Sir Your most Obedt humble Servant

(Signed) Anthy Wayne

No. 35.

Col. James O'Hara Head Quarters Legion Ville Jany 5. 93

Sir

I am under the necessity of requiring your presence immediately at this place; and that you bring with you 20,000 Dollars for the purpose of sending down the river with Mr. Britt.

Enclos'd is a letter from the Secretary of War with extracts I pray you to return them carefully to me; and call upon Major Craig for an explanation of the confusion complain'd of which I wish to

have in writing in order to transmit it to the Secretary of War, to the end that if there has been cause of Censure it may rest on the proper person.

I have order'd the Paymaster General and Mr. Britt to this place upon sigh[t] that the latter may not lose the favorable opportunity, which now presents for the Cavalry to descend the river to Fort Washington.

I am Sir, with much Esteem Your Most Obt humble Servant

Sd/ Anthy Wayne

No. 36.

Col. James O'Hara Phila. December 7th 1792

Q M G.

Dear Sir

This moment I am favor'd with your letter of the 29th Ult to was happy to hear you had received 20,000 Dollars of the thirty forwarded in Notes the Specie in the barrel I have you have receiv'd also you may rest assur'd that all your Official Calls will meet a prompt Attention, and I think from my own recent experience, you will not suffer any inconvenience for want of money. The situation of the troops must I think be agreeable - I well remember the Spot you describe & am certain it merits the appellation of beautiful - its name is truly appropriate Unanimity will produce order, and order success - My best services here you will continue to command - shall hope to hear from you expect next post and shall be made happy by

after communications

With sentiments of esteem I am sir your most Obt Servant

Sd Saml Hodgdon

(should be entd. after Dec. 35d. 92)

PS. The Armourers at Pittsburgh complain that they cannot receive pay. I wrote to the Secretary of War on this Subject and have receiv'd for answer as follows, VIZ "the Armourers at Pittsburgh are to be paid thro the Quarter Master Generals department. I conclude he has wrote you accordingly

Yours &c

No. 37.

Treasury Departmt Dec 18, 92

Sir

It is indispensable that your Account as Quarter Master General should be render'd to the Treasury up to the end of the present year as soon as possible and thenceforth regularly after the expiration of every Quarter

It is expected that this Arrangement will be strictly observ'd. it being essentially requisite that my future advances must of necessity be regulated by the issue

I am Sir with consideration Your Obt Servant

Alex Hamilton

No. 38.

Col. James O'Hara Marietta January 6. 93

Sir

The next day after Captain Mills arriv'd here with a public boat, she was loaded with the Corn which was sav'd at this Post, hands procur'd and sent down the river.

When Captain Guion was here the remainder was put on board his boats, and every Assistance in my Power was given to dispatch his business. It is probable he has wrote you an Account of the Wreck of his boats if not the encloss'd extracts of his letter to me will form a Statement. This day I sent the public boats which Mr. Buel came down in, and had two me to take off and carry the Corn to Fort Washington and have wrote Mr. Dale's, the particulars of the engagements of the two men. One Man I have hir'd to go with them as far as the Corn, to return immediately, and give me a particular State of it when he returns I am in hopes some public boats will arrive here to save the remainder if any otherwise I am at a loss whether to purchase boats, hire hands to carry it down or risk the loss. -

I have forwarded my Accounts and Vouchers to you by General Putnam[29] of public expenditures up to January except the surgeons bill and two or three other small Accounts. -

The method I have adopted to procure wood is to make the troops cut and load it, and hire the inhabitants to draw it, but from the disp,ers'd state of my detachment and [illegible] keeping] several small Guard, it even in this way makes the expence larger than I could wish.

The troops and public boats ascending & descend[ing] the river affords trouble, and expence to the public, none passes but what are in absolute necessity for some thing and I endeavour to get them

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29. General Rufus Putnam of Marietta.

forward as expeditiously as possible with the least expence.

I am Sir Your Obt Servant

Sd Jona Haskell Capt 2nd S.L U States

No. 39.

Marietta January 1 [illegible]

This day [1]2 men return'd from the boat which was sent to take the Corn left by Capt Guion[30] they say that the Soldiery had left it, that the inhabitants of Pelle Ville have sav'd 2[illegible]0 or 250 bushels, and remov'd it to Pelle Ville. the remainder is gone. I shall to morrow send one of the Men back and hire another, or send a Soldier or two, to take in the Corn, and as there is Corn there Contracted for, shal load the boat and forward her as soon as possible.

I am Sir

Jona Haskell Capt 2nd S L

No. 40.

Col James O'Hara Lexington 16th December 92

Q M General

Sir

I have the honor to write you the 17th Nov from Lexington and inform'd you I had taken the liberty to draw on the S of War 8000 Dolls, for the purpose of purchasing pack horses, saddles & which I

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30. Capt. Isaac Guion of the 3rd Sub Legion. Heitman, op. cit., I, 483.

conducted with 130 Cavalry horses, to Fort Washington about the 24th Ulto. I since have made sundry purchases of forage to the amount of between 1500 bus & 2,000 bushels and have an expectation of obtaining more, in short I purchase all I can, for it will take a great deal to feed 250 Cavalry Horses, and about 300 packhorses which is the number I am order'd to Keep in Service this Winter With respect to the Contracts I made with Merton & Wilkins, I do not put much dependence in, I am afraid they will fall short, at any rate thgy will suffer by that Contract. I h d not been long at Fort Washington on the return of my last trip (before Generl Wilkinson call'd on me for a considerable transport in consequence of letters he receiv'd from the Commander in Chief, who repeated his ordres for the deposit of 25,000 bus. Corn at Fort Jefferson 10,000 at Fort St. Clair, & 10,000 at Fort Hamilton, and had I the means to purchase about 1800 Horses, I would have been oblig'd to effectuate the order, whatever the consequence might have been, and that number of horses would not have been too considerable to carry forward this time a year) that quantity of forage, excuse me Sir when I observe that it surprised me (you being acquainted with this Arrangement)and did not forward me the necessary funds to carry it into execution, consider Sir should a Campaign fall for the want of forage being timely stored at the Outposts, what will be the situation of a dept. unpopular at best. The Artificers at Fort Washington are all employ'd building Batteaux (by Genl. Wilkinsons order to transport forage to Fort Hamilton up the Miami River, by which means the pack horses will be kept a going between that place and Fort Jefferson

only this will save money and expidite business, the only thing I am afraid of is that the Navigation may be obstructed by Ice which would hurt us a good deal. I have been waiting with impatience for the Keel Boats, I requested you to send me two month ago, had they arriv'd it would have been much in our favor. I again must repeat the want of Money tools and materials for building such as nails &c the additional supplies wanted for the use of the battalion of Dragoons is considerable, there is hardly an Escort going to the outposts but what something is wanted & which I am oblig'd to purchase to a disadvantage in this Country, about the 15th Nov. I sent to Fort Hamilton & Jefferson about 100 lb Nails, and just before I came away this time I was order'd to furnish Fort Hamilton with sundry Articles as per Memorandum enclos'd. If I do not send these Articles the department is disgrace'd, and If I send them, it requires more money than any body is aware of to Accommodate the troops at Fort Jefferson & Hamilton, it was necessary to enlarge those Posts and require numbers of Artificers which ought to be paid Monthly at Fort Washington alone is 45 engaged at present, it takes on expermitment two Armourers to each Rifle Company to Keep the Guns in order; saddles farriers &c for the Dragoons in short exclusive of Pack horse masters & driver[s] of four Brigades of Packhorses (note less than from 70 to 80 persons are under pay in the Department in this Quarter, you may be assur'd they are overlook'd with Rigour, in fact the plan I have adopted shews me the labour of every man under my care, each day, and

which I will send you by the next Opportunity, I am at present engag'd receiving the balance of the Cavalry Horses andpurchasing the remainder of the Packhorses order'd by Genl. Wilkinson which for the want of Money could not be obtain'd when I was here last you see Sir, what trouble this Occasions daily, I am oblig'd to open Accounts with people for want of Ability to settle with them at once, it is incredible what irregularity & trouble this causes to business but Sir this I put up with, supposing you can't get money from Phila. when you want it you can hardly form an Idea of the abundance of business there is in the Dept. I give you my honor, I have not slept more than 4 hours out of 24 for 3 months past, and with all it is as much as I can do to Keep pace with, what must necessarily be done every day. - this day I have taken the liberty to drawn on the Sec. of War, 1,600 Dollars which I expect will be duly honor'd.- I have hopes of getting some more money before I leave here in which case I will draw again confident you are at present sensible of the necessity . -

Genl. Wilkinson has assur'd me large quantities of forage will be down by the time I return to Fort Washington (agreeable to Major General Waynes Orders) which I will be glad to see, in order to employ my 250 or 300 Packhorses, to Fort Jefferson, what I purchase will feed the Cavalry horses, and your[s] may be Stor'd for next Summer, that is if it does not exceed 3,000 bushels, for to lodge the quantities in contemplation by the Commander in Chief would cost from 80,000 to 100,000 Dolls, I

think it my duty to make this Observation to you satisfied a good use will be made of them. The Cavalry Horses I deliver'd Major Rudolph have been receiv'd with satisfaction in short your Dept is on a respectable footing here, which is as great pleasure to me as that of calling myself Sir Your Very humble Servant

Sd. Jno Belli A Q M General

United States Army

P S. I am inform'd the settlement on Muskingum, Bellpre and about 10 miles below that on the S E side of the Ohio quantities of Corn might be purchas'd on good terms, to your Government. -

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No. 41.

Col James O'Hara War Department 19th Jan 1793
QMG
Sir

I have receiv'd yours of the 10th Inst containing an Abstract of your payments to the 31st December It will be important that you should close your Accounts for the past year. I enclose you a letter which came open to me from your deputy Jno Belli dated the 16th December 1792.

I am with esteem Sir Your Humble Servt

Sd. H. Knox

Secretary of War

No. 42.

Colo James O'Hara Head Quarters Legion Ville

Quartr. Master Genl January 27. 1793

Sir

The inclos'd dispatches came by the last post Via Philadelphia of which General Knox write me he has recd. copies but as I have not time to make out the extracts which relates to your department, I send you the Original letters which you will please to pay due attention to and then return them by the first Opportunity, I have only to observe that from every circumstance the war must inevitably progress - therefore every exertion ought to be made in every department to carry into effect the orders for supplies of forage &c. -

There is one paragraph in General Wilkinsons letter which I beg leave to transcribe "the enclos'd correspondence has taken place between the D Q M General and myself, which I beg leave to Submit to you without any further remark than that it must appear some what extraordinary that the Q M General should have neither instructed his deputy relative to the important orders of the 10th of September nor furnish'd him Money to carry those orders into effect" You Know best whether these matters are or are not well founded, at all events the late disaster to our Boats and forage under the Conduct of Captain Guion requires some exertion to replace it. - it would appear by his letter (which I also enclose, and request you to return)

that his misfortune was owing to the detention & difficulty he met with in collecting it from distant and different quarters. -

You have thus before you a state of our Forage and means of transportation, which are far from pleasing I pray you therefore to take the necessary measures to render them more effective. -

And am Sir Your Most Obt & very humble Servt

Sd. Anthy Wayne

No. 43.

Col. O'Hara

War department

December 22nd 1792

Sir

I have receiv'd your letter with its enclosures, which will be duly examin'd. I now transmit you a letter from Mr. Belli by which you will find that the disaster of the early part of November has occasioned him to make large drafts for money . - This is irregular as the drafts ought to have been upon you. Some arrangement will be made on this subject but in the mean time the Bills will be paid, and carry'd to your department.

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servant

Sd Henry Knox

No. 44.

Col. James O'Hara

Marietta December 22nd 1792

Sir

The boat I took to Muskingum was immediately loaded with the old Corn & Oats and forwarded to Fort Washington no other boat

being there I could only send the one. should you have any matters in your line you wish to have transacted at this post shall be happy to serve you -

I am Sir Your Obt Servant

Sd. William Mills

45.

James O'Hara Esqr Legion Ville 28th Dec. 1792

Quarter Mr Genl

Dear Sir

I presume that you have receiv'd dispatches from Fort Washington by the same Conveyance and date with those receiv'd by me, i e down to the 18th Ulto, when very little if any Corn or Oats were at Fort Washington, nor head any considerable quantity been forwarded to the advance'd posts - then dependence appears to be upon that which you may send down the River. In fact - it would appear by Mr. Pollli's calculations that each packhorse would consume out of three bushels (which he computed for a load) exactly the one half each trip - should that really be the case I don't Know whether to consider the affair of the 6th Ulto near Fort Hamilton - as an Unfortunate or fortunate event. But should the War progress - we most certainly will want the aid of a large Magazine of Corn at Fort Jefferson, this in my Opinion is the reason to forward it whilst the ground is hard by Sled & Waggons; - I have no idea that the business can be

effected after the breaking up of the frost, or early in the spring of the year: -

however from present appearances and circumstance I fear that there will not be more than barely sufficient of grain to support Rudolph's Cavalry - now below

There is also a general complaint of the incorrectness of the invoice sent from Pittsburgh of Cloathing, Military Stores &c &c sent under the Convoy of Major Rudolph, in fact I have a Voluminous correspondence & copies of letters upon this head which may be necessary for you to peruse & make arrangements from. there appears to be some mistake or defeat which requires some attention to remedy & correct. -

I am Sir Your most Obt humble Servt

Sd. Anthony Wayne

46.

Col James O'Hara Feby 1st 1793 Phila.

QMG -

Sir

A wagon leaves this City to morrow which has a box to your address, containing 5 1/2 Rheam writing papers of the same kind as this on which I write which If I understand your directions is of the kind you wish to have. - I enclose you a list of Drafts made by Mr Belli on the Secretary of War, all of which except the two last, the Secretary of the Treasury has enabled me to Discharge They are also to be paid - I though it best to

Acquaint you with the Circumstances as it may be of use in your future if not present Arrangements. I have a large indent of Military Stores under order some of which will immediately go forward and the remainder as fast as they can be procur'd -

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servant

Sd. Saml Hodgdon

47.

List of drafts made by Mr Jno Dolli A Q M G, which have come to hand VIZ. -

		Dolls
1 Bill favor Robert Barr	for	1200
1 do ~~favor~~ Wm Morton & Wilkins		2000
1 do Alex Scott & Co.		1200
1 do James Morrison		200
1 do do		200
1 do do		200
1 do do		200
1 do do		100
1 do do		300
1 do do		350
1 do do		350
1 do Alex McGregor		700
1 do James Parker		500
1 do William Leavy		600
1 do N Lewis		90.66 2/3
Paid except the last 90.66 2/3 Dolls		8090.66.2/3

2 bills in favor of Hunt & Co for	1000	
	under Acceptance	1600.0
	600	
	carri'd forward Doll	9690.66 2/3
	brought Forward	9690.66 2/3
2 bills presented for . . .	1600	
	1700	3300.0
	Dolls	12990.66 2/3

48.

Colo James O'Hara
Q M G

Head Quarters Legion Ville
Feby 12 1793

Sir

I have been favor'd with your letter of the 5th Inst enclosing a general Statement of forage purch'd a statement of Cash with an Estimate of Boats wanted for the ensuing Campaign, and have receiv'd a general return of Quarter Masters Stores on hand the 20th July 1792, receiv'd since, issued and on hand up to the 1st February 1793. -

If you have not already done it I have to request that you will transmit a Copy of it to the Secretary of War the soonest possible. -

I have examined your estimate of Boats. out of the 12 that you have Calculated upon fit for use nearly the one half, are either Sunk, or gone down the river with the fresh.

Nor do I think your Calculations for the Transportation of 2000 men with their Arms, baggage & provisions sufficient we

ought not to calculate upon a greater number of Men than 50 to each Boat - & I have seen it Demonstrated that your large ferry boat would not carry more than 20 Horses & Men across the Allegheny at one trip with the men and Horses all standing up & without forage.

I would rather suppose it would require 12 boats to transport 160 Horses & Cattle with the riders, drivers & necessary Forage; so as not to Crowd, or injure the Horses or Cattle; and it will certainly require at least 8 boats for the artillery Department. -

By the best calculation that I can make it will require at least 60 boats, independent of those necessary for the Quarter Master department, what number that may require, you are the best judge. -

The whole amount of the grain part of the Forage, ought most certainly to be procur'd; & the deficiency in hay to be made up by an additional quantity of Grain in the proportion of One thousand quarts Corn, for every ton Hay - which is upon the very lowest Scale of allowce p ration ie 16 lb hay & 7 quarts Corn . -

Enclosed is a return of Articles immediately wanted and which must be forwarded if possible to morrow, all our Smiths & armourers are idle for want of Coal. the Consumption is at least equal to 5 bushels p Day we have made and us'd upward of 150 bushels Charcoal besides the Stone Coal: the whole is now exhausted, we shall want 150 bushels p month.

What will be the best mode of forwarding the troops under Captain Slough,[31] their tents if any, may be Stor'd at Pittsburgh - their other baggage may be sent by Water, & the Detachment to be ferried over the Allegheny to morrow, & march the next morning early for this place, where they will be immediately under Cover - you will therefore give the necessary Orders . - in addition to those enclos'd for Captain Slough.

I am Sir &c

Anthony Wayne

please to seal the enclos'd

No. 49.

James O'Hara, QMG. War Department Feby 9. 93

Sir

I have receiv'd yours of the 1st Instant with its enclosures which I will thoroughly examine.

I was in hopes from former Directions that all your accounts & Vouchers for the Year 1792 would have been forwarded to the Treasury for examination & Settlement . . this hope arose from what has been formerly enjoin'd on the Subject. & that in pursuance thereof you had previously Order'd the Accounts from a distance to be made up and transmitted to you in that you could have made out a general Account. Nothing will be more satisfactory to the President of the United States, & the

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31. Capt. Jacob Slough of the 4th Sub Legion. Ibid., I, 692.

Secretary of the Treasury and myself than a punctual Settlement of your Accounts, and permit me to add nothing will excite more Dissatisfaction and uneasiness than a protracted Settlement Knowing thus the Sentiments of the Government, you will govern yourself accordingly - The abstracts of Monthly disbursements to be continued.

Mr. Belli has again lately drawn for 3,390 Dollars without advice; The whole Sum he has drawn for since the 1st of October Amounts to 13,000 Dollars. - You must check this proceeding - the money must pass through you and you must be answerable that he has a proper Sum to execute the objects directed to the Commander in Chief

I shall apply to the Secretary of the Treasury for the 20,000 Dollars to be issued to your Agent Samuel Hodgdon, but as the appropriation Bill has not passed the Congress yet for the present year I apprehend some difficulties

I am Sir Your humble Servant

Sd. Henry Knox

S. of War

No. 50.

James O'Hara Esqr. Head Quarters Legion Ville

Q M General Feby. 16. 93

Sir

The enclos'd letter contains intelligence of the Esrt consequence via the Lake. it is absolutely necessary that it

should arrive before the rising of Congress.

You will therefor please immediately to forward it by a trusty and Active special Messenger with orders to change horses as often as necessary, in order to overtake the Post or to proceed quite to Philadelphia

I observe a mistake in my letter of the 12th Inst. it ought and was meant to be 1000 quarts in place of bushels ie One Quart of Corn for every two pounds of Hay, short of the purchase you were directed to make

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servant

Sd. Anthony Wayne

No. 51.

James O'Hara Fort Washington Jan 4. 93

Q M G

Sir

My last letter was dated Lexington the 21st December in which I informed you of my drafts on the Secretary of War for 3,300 Dollars. I have since been employd purchasing forage, and tho' I have fed for a good while near 500 horses I have still on hand at Fort Jefferson 1000 bushels at Fort Hamilton 960 bushels and at this place about 3,000 bushels, and expect more every day, this forage being most all purchased in this Country and hope will meet your approbation about the beginning of January having quitted building batteaux I discharged several artificers the days being so very short I also calld

on General Wilkinson to inform me (if possible) the Mode of Warfare that will be made use of next Season in order to make preparations accordingly but without effect he tells me he is unacquainted with the measures to be adopted and refers me to his Superior, I therefore dishargd a few more artificers until I hear from you I now send you an Abstract of Quarter Master Stores on hand the first January 93 at this place and Fort Hamilton A receipt of Cloathing deliverd Samuel Henly S C Dept agreeable to a Sub Legionary order, and a weekly Return of labour done by the Corps of Artificers at this place to your Government (or rather they employ during a week) I have again been obligd to draw on the Secretary of War 1800 Dollars for the purpose of paying people employ'd in the Department as well as for Merchandize wanted for different uses, in the course of a few days I expect to commence carrying forage to Fort Jefferson and expect by that time some of your will be here, which will facilitate that business much. -

I am Sir Your very humble Servant

Sd. John Mellie Depy Q M G

United States Army

PS. I must beg leave Sir to ask you what would have been my situation had I effected General Wilkinsons orders for the transport of 45,000 bus Corn to the out posts which as I before observ'd would have taken from 1500 to 1800 horses at least this time a year; it is now the 7th. January and I have not

receiv'd a bushel of forage of you fall purchase and we may now expect the river to be clos'd with ice every day. -

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No. 52.

James O'Hara Esqr. War Department

Q M General February 16th 93

Sir

You see by the enclos'd that Mr Belli continues to draw for money. This disorderly practice must be terminated and the money must pass thro' you. The Secretary of the Treasury has not yet furnish'd the 20,000 Dollars but it will be done next week. The sums drawn by Mr Belli will probably be deducted - Get your accounts forward.

The returns mention'd as enclos'd in Mr. Belli's letter, will be sent you by the next post. -

I am Sir &c

Sd. Henry Knox

S. of War

No. 53.

James O'Hara Esqr Marietta Feby 20th 1793

Q M General

Sir

I am sorry to inform you that Mr Charles Forget arrivd here last night, 12 OClock with 4 boats, when a squall of Wind drove the one he was in against a tree, stove her & she sunk about a mile below Muskingum. the boat with all her loading

was lost, with great difficulty the crew was sav'd after they were exhausted; Another boat is much damag'd I am trying to repair her - Mr Forrest I believe us'd every precaution and exertion in his power, he was much bruis'd when the boat was Stove.-

The next day a Corporal of my Company found a number of papers in the Mud near where the Boat was lost, & brought them to me, much defac'd torn & wet & some not legible, upon examining and drying them some packages came to pieces and among them I found a quantity of Bank bills for Mr Bolli, upon this Discovery I desir'd Colo. Sproat, Captain Mills & Mr Mathew, to assist me in drying and counting the money & find the sum is 4,900 Dollars one hundred Dollars less than was mention'd in the advice to Mr Bellie how this happen'd I cannot account for. The Corporal who found the papers is honest & a deserving man, I cannot suppose he took any of the Money or Knew there way any tho' I wish he could have a small recompense.

I have a number of papers letters & the money in such a deranged State and the boats in bad Order I have thought proper to detain them until I have from you or the General, except private letters which can be dried & is legible. The box which contain'd the General dispatches is lost Mr Mathews who carries this can inform you every particular we know he is waiting. I have not time to write to the General but shall the

first conveyance, I shall write to General Wilkinson and Mr. Dollie on the Subject -

I am Sir Your humble Servant

Sd. Jon. Haskell Captain[32]

2nd Sub Legion US

PS. the boat contain'd 1,000 bus Corn, the men lost their arms, Cloathing & all the provisions for the other boats & for themselves.

No. 54.

James O'Hara QMG Legion Ville March 10, 1793

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to Acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4th Instant, enclosing a list of the Balances due to the Legion for August last -

I believe the paymasters will in some instances be oblig'd to have recourse to your Rolls for information respectg Deserters

I shall be much Obligd if you will furnish me with a complete Copy of the pay roll of the Genl Staff Officers

I am dear Sir with respect & much esteem Your Obt & Hble Servt

No. 48. Caleb Swan PM of the troops of the U. States -[33]

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32. Jonathan Haskell of the 2nd Sub Legion. Ibid., I, 509.

33. Caleb Swan was paymaster of the army from May 8, 1792 to June 30, 1808. Ibid., I, 938.

No. 55.

Col. James O'Hara — Head Quarters Legion Ville

Q M G. — March 15th 1793

Sir

Enclos'd are extracts from the Secretary of War's letter of the 5th Inst, which arriv'd late last evening you will therefore & in conformity therewith immediately make the necessary returns for every thing wanted in the Quarter Master General's department -

You will also see the necessity of making immediate & effectual Arrangements for the transportation of the troops Cavalry Artillery, baggage & Stores, of every description - as well as forage.

With a full reliance upon your Abilities industry & resources I am Sir Your most Obt Servant

Sd. Anthony Wayne

No. 56.

Extract of a letter from the Secretary of War to Genl Wayne, enclosd in the above letter dated 5th March 1793

"If after every effort shall be made it shall be found that peace is unattainable but by the sacrifice of National Character & honor it is to be hop'd that the public will have but One mind as to the vigor with which the war shall be pursued

In order therefore that the Troops shall be prepar'd for a Conflict with the Savages in the dernier resort, it is the Hope, expectation & request of the President of the United States that no relaxation be made in the disciplining of the Troops, & most especially in making them perfect Marksmen - The ammunition which shall be expended upon this import't Object will be well expended, and under fair circumstances the republic will be amply repaid the expence." -

"I have order'd the powder & lead requested and all the stores you have requested shall be prepaid and forward'd with all dispatch."

"You will please to order an immediate inspection of the Tents & a return of any which may be wanting you will also please to notify me as soon as possible of any other demands, so as to render the troops as complete as possible in all respects."

"Various public considerations press that your Army should be United you will therefore please to make your Arrangements for descending the Ohio to Fort Washington with all the troops on the upper parts of the Ohio, as soon as the weather will permit, the troops to be encampd."

Perhaps by the 15th of April you may think the season sufficiently advanc'd to descend the river with the Troops."

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No. 57.

Colo. James O'Hara — Head Quarters

Q M G — Legion Ville 14th March 1793

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Inst, enclosing a Copy of a letter from Captain Haskell of the 24th Ulto, giving an Account of further losses of Forage, Money & dispatches, since which I have receiv'd a letter from Capt Guion of the 5th February mentioning the total loss of the Boats & Cargo sent by Captain Haskell to take in the Corn sav'd by Captain Guion from his wrecks.

Thus Sir you see the pressing & indispensible necessity of far greater & more effectual exertions than any that have apparently yet been made, in order to complete the large deposits of Forage, in time to insure a successful Campaign. the Water carriage up the Miami to Fort Hamilton is a very Capital Object, that will be impracticable after the 1st week in May, nor can we calculate with certainty upon the Navigation of the Ohio after the 15th of the same Month ie two Months from this day.

In fact was the forage at Fort Washington at this Hour it would require every exertion with all the Water Craft that can be collected at that place to make a deposit of at least 40,000 bushels of grain at Fort Hamilton before the middle of May, twenty five thousand bushels of which are in the interim to be advanc'd On packhorses to Fort Jefferson, & ten thousand to Fort St. Clair, Nor can you calculate upon more than Six

thousand Bushels in all that have yet gone down the river since the middle of December until this hour - provided that the three boats in Charge of Mr Chribbs - the three remaining boats with Mr. Forgot, and the boat which left this place the day before yesterday should all arrive safe there will then be a deficiency of al least 40,000 bushels to complete the deposits order'd;

I therefore feel extremely anxious, not only upon your Account as Quarter Master General, but for the fate of the Campaign as well as for my own honor & Reputation - should there unfortunately be a failure in consequence of a deficiency of forage in time for Offensive & effective Operations - under those impressions permit me to Solicit every exertion in your power & to believe me to be with sincere esteem Your Most Obedt humble Servant

Sd. Anthony Wayne

No. 58.

Col James O'Hara Esqr Phila. 8th March 1793

QMG

Sir

With this you will receive 5,000 Dollars being a part of 18,000 for which I have a Warrant this comes in Notes that I hope will answer well, if any other denomination will do better please to advise me. I have confined the mode of Conveyance by Post; because I think it the safest and most expeditious, and because private conveyances are not always to be found. Yet if you prefer any other mode on notice it shall be attended to,

the business in the War office has been so pressing that until today I could not procure a copy of the Regulations of the 3rd August; I will now attend to them and give you my Opinion agreeably to your request shortly - The Comptroller has shown me you[r] Accounts, mine to the same period go in to day . I shall hold mine in future ready for adjustment quarterly. The advances you have made will not now be consid'd nothing but positive and full Settlements. the propriety of advances made, on which it may be impossible to make Settlement, will eventually be considered, but at present they will not be attended to. I get no Credit for the Monies forwarded to you, but my disbursements pass to your Credit, and when admitted pass to your Debit in my Book to which adding the sums forwarded to you, & advances made to others operate as a full exonerations for all the monies that come into my hand for which you are Accountable. I shall Keep you advisd of every transaction relative to the business in which you are engag'd, you will see by the papers that General Lincoln, Col. Pickering & Mr. Randolph late Governor of Virginia are appointed Commissioners for the ensuing treaty. -

I am your &c

Sd. Saml Hodgdon

PS On enquiry I find that Capt Prior had gone to Hartford in New England, before your draft on him for 100 Dollars came to my hand on his return which will not be until May it shall be presented. -

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No. 59.

Col. James O'Hara Q M G McCleans [?] March 13 1793

Sir

Exclusive of the Boat the bearer takes down I have five now finish'd fitted for Grain, and will be loaded & sent on as soon as possible. One will leave this tomorrow morning. I have also 6 hay boats finish'd and this day began to load them I mean to attend the hay boats myself, as they are more liable to suffer by neglect. Mr. Ewing with load and send on the Grain - the disappointment in getting boats is truly provoking yet I must be patient and bear with it, as I Know no way of redress. you will oblige me by sending with the bearer 1,000 Dollars in specie. Bank Notes will not answer my business I will be down by the last of the Month to prepare my accounts for sending down to Phila. I long much to see the Keel boat with the bags, the want of them retards boat loading. In a boat that left this yesterday Mr Ewing sent two double barrels Cyder.

I am Sir your very humble Servt

Sd. Geo McCully

A Q M

No. 60.

James O'Hara Esqr Pigeon Creek March 20th 1793

Q M General

Sir

I was last evening honor'd with your dispatch by John Pollinger, and the money I had written for, als those by

Thornton about two hours after. I trust I am duly impress'd with the necessity of using every endeavour to carry fully into effect your & the Commander in Chief's wishes respecting the Boats for transporting the troops &c. -

Were I to judge from the disappointment I have hitherto met with in getting Boats without taking in to View the difference of the Season, & the great plenty of plank now at every Saw Mill, I would readily conclude that the Boats could not be procur'd in time, but as the Season now is with the advantage of plank in abundance there is not a doubt remains with me, but the Boats may be ready at the time notwithstanding it's but a few days. I have since I wrote you last closely employ'd in loading Hay, & Grain Boats, four of the former, and two of the latter were last night advanced as far as Colo. Cook's landing and will tomorrow early in the day reach Andrew McFarlands where I mean to load another Hay Boat and then send the whole on to Pittsburgh. Exclusive of these Boats I hourly expect two Grain Boats from Mr Ewing which nothing but Accident can delay. I flatter myself by the time this little fleet reaches Legion Ville, it will remove in part General Waynes anxiety. My reason for keeping together on the way down is the advantage of having the Hands to load the Hay Boats, which is a tedious troublesome business and without such Hands as understand the building Hay all night be loaded [?] Your Offer of Assistance in this arduous business is very Kind but I am of Opinion that Mr Ewing will b

able to load the forage boats, as fast as they can be made ready, and all the forage Sent forward in due time, that I have reported purchased, and some moreover that Wretch Lang should fail in part. There is nothing I have discover'd in the course of my business in this Country that would Justify an hope of Contracting for Grain delivered at Fort Washington, nor even at Pittsburgh, I expect still to buy a little but it is not to be had in large quantities. The moment I start these Boats from McFarland's, I will take up the business of the Army Boats, and not quit that until the whole are Secur'd. The [redacted] severe fatigue that my Horse, and the public Horse Mr Ewing has, have gone thro this Winter renders them unfit for active Service. I must therefore request a privilege to purchase one as the business appears so pressing I cannot do without and will look up to you for Justification, I will write by the Boats should any thing cross my Memory .-

I am Sir with high esteem your very humble Servt

Sd Geo. McCully

No. 61.

James O'Hara Esqr [redacted] Wheeling March 19th 93

Qu. Ma. Ge.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th December last States to me that you will give me Six Dollars pr ton for hay as per agreement between you & me and One third of a Dollars p bushel for Corn & Oats for any quantity that I have or may Contemplate to the 5th April next. -

I have the quantity of hay I contracted with you for, as near as I can estimate & twenty four hundred bushels Corn for you near one half is shell'd the other must be recelv'd in the Ear.

I have engaged Mr. McIntire to hand you this Letter by whom you will please to send all the Money for the above mention'd Corn & hay, or any part you may think proper.

Any Obligations you may lay Mr McIntire under for the safe delivery of the Corn & hay above mention'd I shall consider binding on me.

I am dear Sir Your Most Obt Servant

Ebenezer Zane

No. 62.

James O'Hara Esqr Perrys Ferry March 22nd 1793

Q M G.

Sir

Mr Parke arrivd here yesterday at half after One OClock PM and immediately presented his instructions, my heart gladden'd at the sight of him for my mind was laden with care and had I thought he Could have been Spar'd out of the Store, should certainly have written you for him, for I Knew no other person you could have send would have render'd essential Services -

I yesterday loaded the hay boat at McFarland's as I mention'd to you before, & shall with two grain Boats, will start instantly, the other 4 hay boats have not reach'd the place yet, the high wind Yesterday must have delay'd them. Mr. Park & myself will proceed up the River this morning and Visit every Boat yard,

until the number of Boats wanted are Secur'd without paying regard to the Contract I have made further than their Abilities to comply at the fix'd period, As soon as it appears certain to us, that the Boats will be finish'd, it shall be communicated to you by express, until then I wish you to Keep your mind easy, for I have not a doubt as I said before but it can be done in good time. I cannot help expressing my sorrow at the losses of grain on the Ohio river had it happen'd in this narrow difficult Cut [?] it would be less surprising to me but in that placid Gentle river, it must proceed from inattention. Good careful men should be procur'd lot the price be what it will, and in the end may save money to the United States. I beg you will excuse the liberty I have taken in mentioning this. I feel interested, and if thro' these losses there should be a deficiency of Forage the Censure will fall on you first and then on me.

I am Sir with high esteem your Most Obt Servant

Sd Geo McCully

PS I will enquire into that mistake of the Keel boats. I think it rests with Elliott for Bowman told men he had Contracted for them. you shall hear further

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No. 63.

James O'Hara Esqr — Treasury Department

Q M Gl. — Comptrollers Office March 9th 93

Sir

I have receiv'd your favor of the 23rd Feby. with part of your Accounts & Vouchers for the year 1792 as Quarter Master

General of the Army of the United States, which shall be transmitted to the Auditor of the Treasury for examination & Statement.

It will enable the Officers of the Treasury more satisfactorily to adjust the Accounts of the D Q master Genl. for the expenditure of monies advanc'd to him, if they shall in the first instance be render'd to you for examination, you will therefore request him to transmit them to you for this purpose, and after they have undergone an examination you will certify the same thereon, and forward them to this Office with such remarks as may be necessary to facilitate the Settlement.

Your accounts as also those of the Deputy Quarter Master General should be transmitted quarterly to this Office that is to say, to include the receipt & expenditure of monies for the term of three months, and to the several periods of the Year of March 31st June 30th September 30th & December 31st accompanied with abstracts shewing the receipt & delivery of Quarter Master's Stores and what Articles remain in your hands and in those of the Deputy Quarter Master

I am very respectfully Sir Your Obt. Servant

Sd Oliver Wolcott Junr.

No. 64.

Col. James O'Hara Marietta March 4th 1793

Sir

I wrote you the 25th Ulto informing the fate of [a] Public boat, loaded with Corn, and an Account of the papers & Bank bills found. I did not think it prudent to send the Money or the packages

to Mr Belli in its present State, but have detain'd them for further instructions. the other letters are forwarded. If it was consistant should be glad of a small Sum of Money could be deposited with some person here to pay the Public expenditures as I am very often oblig'd to advance Money of my own and before I can get my Vouchers and Accounts forwarded and the returns am sometimes under embarrassements. I am sorry to inform you that most of the men that have been employ'd in taking down public boats were careless drunken Fellows, who think they are not oblig'd to proceed with the boats any further than they please, and often leave them in disagreeable Situations. Forget who lost the last boat is a trusty man, he was much mortified at the accident which happen'd tho' he complain'd of some of his party. I have wrote to the General an account of the Money and packages, which was found near this place and wait anxiously expecting to hear from him & you. Mr. Forget tells me he discover'd a public Keel boat, or barge which was taken up at one of the Stations above this. I think it was at Grave Creek. -

I am Sir with respect Your Obedt. & humble Servt.

Sd. Jonathan Haskel Capt

2nd. Sub Legion

No. 65.

James O'Hara — Fort Washington Feby 11th 1793

Q. M Genl

Sir

The 26th January I had the honor of writing you last which letter I hope is come to hand. About the 1st February I receiv'd a letter of

Mr Craig of Pittsburgh and also by Mr William Chribbs Boatman, 72 bus Corn in the ear, 275 do Oats, 1399 do Shell'd Corn, which with the Corn receiv'd by Mr Jones under the care of Captain Guion of 543 1/2 bushels corn amounts to 2253 1/2 bushels Forage arriv'd here this year, the Corn is of a good quality, and the boats admirably adopted for the transportation. One boat loaded with corn, by Captain Haskell's orders to the care of a Mr Judd was lost about the 15th January, she contain'd agreeable to a receipt Sign'd by Mr Judd 107 bushels Shipp'd by Skinner and McKinely and about 200 bushels Sav'd of Captain Guions wreks [?] by Mr Jones receipts it appears Green & Meigs[34] of Marietta shipp'd 1107 bushels Corn and by Skinner and McKinleys letter it Seems they Shipp'd 664 bushels but for this they have nothing to shew having omitted to take receipts of Mr Jones. I hope on this information you will be able to make a Settlement with those Gentlemen it being all I can give you. Unless Sir I receive considerable quantities of Corn from you, it will be impossible to keep the Cavalry horses here this Summer, what is now on hand and expected from Kentucky will not feed them longer than March so that provision must be made for Seven months also for Pack horses Oxen &c. At Fort Steuben[35] the Cavalry might be kept all summer; Corn being handy as well as plenty at that place, but in that case, we will want Stables built or Something else to Shelter them, corn (I expect) will

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34. Green and Meigs (Return Jonathan) were some of the chief forage suppliers of the Legion.

35. Fort Steuben was located on the present site of Steubenville, Ohio.

cost there from 1/6 to 2/ Virga [Virginia] Curry per bushel. I am afraid the hay at Fort Hamilton will not last above a Month longer

I have this day taken the liberty to draw on the Secretary of War for 242 Dollars a[t] 15 days Sight favor Thomas Gibson, & 1021 at do favour Robert Parr dated 3rd February which you will Charge to my account for the use of the Department to pay off the present demands. I shall be obliged to draw at least 5,000 Dollars more Shortly to your Government. as the losses of Forage lately sustain'd must reduce the quantity you engag'd a good deal. I have requested General Wilkinson to establish a Station at the Mouth of Kentucky if possible where Corn may be receiv'd and Sent up to this place by the Troops I don't Know as yet whether he will adopt that Measure.

I am with much respect Sir Your very humble Servant

/Sd./ John Pollie D Q M G

United States Army

No. 66.

James O'Hara Danville January 26th 1793

Q M Gen

Sir

I receiv'd your always agreeable letter of the 7th Instant only lament its being so very Short. I have from time to time expect instructions for my Government in the department particularly since your inform'd me you would not be down yourself this winter I can assure you Sir it would have been receiv'd as the advice from a Kind father to a need Son, it also might have been of Service to know the

destination of the Army next Season, to make preparations accordingly. I have discharg'd Artificers at Fort Washington till I came down to my present number of about eleven which are engag'd by the Month beside eleven Soldiers all of which will be employ'd pretty generally for the Artillery. The Cloathing and Military Stores are deliver'd to the different Departments to which tye belong & have taken charge of the Articles intended for men, I wish only the pack-saddles had come down about the time Major Rudolph arriv'd at Fort Washington, they appear to be very well made. I receiv'd by a Mr Jones Five hundred & forty three and 1/2 bushels of Corn for which I gave him a receipt. I did not pay him (as the Asst at Fort Pitt requested) because the boat the gentleman alluded to and Sent me an Invoice of which Mr Jones insur'd for all risk to Fort Washington, never made its appearance at that place but told me the boat was kept at Legion Ville Mr Jones having nothing sufficient to shew, that this was the case I did not think myself Justifiable to take his word on the occasion, he will therefore settle his Accounts with you above. Messrs Green & Meigs of Marietta in a letter dated December the 26th informs me to have Shipp'd, 1187 bushels Indian Corn for which Mr. Jones receipted what he deliver'd me appears to be a part and tells me the rest is nearly all lost - this is very unfortunate indeed for it happens at a time when corn is most wanted, to be carried to the out posts agreeable to Major Genl Wayne's orders, and for which business I have from 220 to 250 horses constantly employ'd. the risk of sending down boats in the Winter Season is very

considerable, I have therefore in all my Contracts oblig'd people to deliver it at Fort Washington at their own risk, and I expect Sir you will find your account by it. - The Corn now consumed at Fort Hamilton is very considerable, if you consider from 400 to 450 Horses beside some Oxen, which draw from 6 to 8 quarts each per day will amount to a great deal during a Space of 6 Months (being the time I am oblig'd so to feed them) my Packhorses must be fed high or will give out in two or three Trips. It take them now from 5 to 6 days to go from Fort Hamilton to Jefferson and carry three bushels each Horse, of which must be deducted a bushel for their food, so that each horse lodges at Fort Jefferson 2 bushels per Trip and if sent from Fort Washington about 1 1/2 bushels the road is for a great part belly deep at present, which make[s] it impossible for them to carry more (excepting for one or two Trips) and as for waggons would stand no chance at all this time a year, which you may easily conceive. It is reported at Fort Washington you are much displeas'd because I have taken notice of irregularities committed at Fort Pitt in the Shipping of Stores, but as you mention nothing in your letters concerning it, and I never made complaints but to yourself which I thought my duty to enable you to correct mismanagement of Assistants, on which you are oblig'd to depend some time, it being impossible for you to do every thing yourself. I suppose it to be only a report, and without any kind of foundation for Sir was I not certain in my own mind of this, and that it was not your Wish to see matters go on regularly for the honor of the Department, in

which you are so amply concern'd I would not have hinted it, even to you because to please my Superior is all my Ambition; it may not be amiss to inform you that when ever a boat arrives at Fort Washington S L. General Wilkinson calls directly for a report of Articles in her, and this order which you know must be religiously complied with. I was again oblig'd to leave Fort Washington about 7 days ago with some Cavalry horses to be winter'd here in consequence of the de-ertion of Dragoons, and expect to return to morrow, I again take the liberty to remind you of Fort Knox to send if possible an honest man there to do your business, with a complete assortment of Qr Mr Stores to last at least a twelve-month for the things that are purchas'd there will cost three prices. I saw not long ago an Account of a Mr. Vandenberg, against a poor Soldier in which he charg'd for Coffee 9/ a pound for whiskey 4/6d a quart to your Government, that man offer'd his Service to me but I did not like to employ him - having receiv'd no money by Mr Britt[36] I will shortly be oblig'd to draw again of which I give you timely notice, in the mean time remain with much respect Sir

Your very humble Servant

Sd. John Belli, depy Qr. Mr General
United States Army

ps. The Navigation of the Miami prives on experiemtn very difficult and unless I put the Corn in close barrels great losses will be

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36. Lt. Daniel Britt of the 1st Sub Legion. Heitman, op. cit, I, 2[illegible]6.

sustain'd I will therefore adopt that mode of Transportation to Fort Hamilton in future however troublesome it may be our batteaus are rather too small for the business as it is but Seldom that river is high enough to be navigated at all.

No. 67.

Colo. James O'Hara Lexington December 21st 1792.

Qm Gl

Sir

I had the honor to write you on the 14th Inst which letter I hope is safe come to hand I am again on my departure for Fort Washington with the balance of the Cavalry Horses and 58 packhorses which I bought within these three days past I have also made some Small purchases of linen for Bags, packsaddles, a Cask of nails and a Small assortment of Files, for the Artificers which could not be done without. This day I have drawn on the Secretary of war, 3,300 Dollars which you will be pleas'd to see paid and charg'd to my Account for the Department. Several of the Dragoons have deserted and two of late with their horses. I have Started parties after them in Short every thing is done to apprehend them. Brigadier General Willkinson to make our Chance Still better has offer'd a considerable reward as you will see by the enclos'd advertisement. This is a Serious business and ought to be Check'd if possible.

I am Sir your very humble Servant

John Belli D Q M G

receiv'd April 7th 1793 United States Army

No. 68.

Col. James O'Hara George's Creek April 4th 1793

Q M G

Sir

I send you John Pottinger once more for some Cash. I think you had best send two thousand Dollars in Notes, less might perhaps answer for the business of the Forage but I will have to pay for several Army boats that we could not avoid receiving at this place. I have procur'd a Horse to carry this man to Pittsburgh and beg you will furnish him with one to return to me, which I will take down when I go. Mr Park will be down the 10th at Pittsburgh to receive the Boats as they come forward and if you please pay for them I still think they will be down on this day I have visited every Boat Yard on my way up, and fine them going on well. we want but Water to get forward the Forage, the Boats and lading ready.

I am Sir &c

sd George McCully

No. 69.

Col. James O'Hara Marietta March 17th 1793

Q M G

Sir

Your letter was handed me by John Warner to whom I deliver'd the bank bills, and took his receipt & forwarded on the papers for Mr Pelli it is no small mortification to me that I could not make only 4,900 Dollars. One man who belong'd to Forget's boat ascended the river, the other three went down with the boats as some of his

hands were unfit for duty.

I do not think Green & Meigs can procure any boat at this place for their Forage, and if they should it wou'd be difficult to hire hands.

It appears the navigation of this river is attended with more hazard than heretofore; it was with difficulty Warren tells me his boat was Sav'd on his passage down here, nothing but their greatest exertions and the boat being uncommonly Strong effected it. I have forwarded the Accounts of the public expenditures at this post to this date by Lt Tillinghast hope the arrangement of the Accounts and Vouchers will answer and the expence approv'd.

I am Sir with respect Your Obedient Humbl Servt

Jon. Haskell Captain

2nd S L United States

No. 70.

Colo. O'Hara Q M G Marietta March 19th 1793.

Sir

We receiv'd yours of the 10th Instant and have agreeable to your wish procur'd One boat of 40 feet that will go on this week for Fort Washington which is the only one we can get here therefore should be glad if you wou'd send one large boat from Pitts. as soon as possible. If you can send her here we can Man her. The boat we bought cost one Dollar per foot the Hands we must have half a Dollar per Day except the One who takes Charge him we must give

3 Dols per day.

We are Sir Your Obedt humble Servants

(sd) Green & Meigs.

No. 71.

Col O'Hara Q M G Philadelphia 23rd March 93

Dear Sir

For several weeks last past I am without any of your favors I was in hopes by this days Post to have heard of the Safe arrival of the One thousand Dollars and the Five thousand by Post, and to Know your mind relative to the mode of Conveyance or disposal of the Money remaining on hand. As two or three Southern Mails have been lately robb'd more Caution becomes necessary. the risk by Post Notes is not so great yet in case of interruption Some trouble would be experienced; let me Know your Opinion on the Subject. -

I am Sir your Most Obt Servant

(sd) Samuel Hodgdon

No. 72.

Col O'Hara Marietta 27th March 1793

Sir

Doctor Jabez Trew will call on you with my Account & Vouchers of those men employ'd by me at Marietta by your request as Boatmen. I was obligd to give 50 Cents per day until they return'd to this place, three of the Hands were employ'd by the Quarter Master at Fort Washington after their arrival until they had an Opportunity to

return. The other person was taken Sick and not able to return with the rest as you see by the Assistant Quarter Masters letter

I am Sir your very huml Servt

William Mills

No. 73.

Col. O'Hara Philadelphia 30th March 1793

Q M G

Dear Sir

After the departure of the last post from hence for Pittsburgh I had the happiness to receive yours of the 17th Instant, announcing the Arrival of my letters and the last Cash forwarded Encouraged by former Success and the information from you I again send another 3,000 Dollars by this Post Still believing it to be the safest and most expeditious Conveyance. I hope it will go Safely to hand, your estimate for the Supplies of 1793 is receiv'd and will be attended to as soon as the Secretary of War is able to attend to business, at present he is very sick tho' better than he has been for some days past. Five dozen Orderly books are on the Road and will be with you soon. I am with you clearly of Opinion that the best of every thing requisite for an army should be procur'd, tis true Oeconomy and shall practice it. The Auditor mention'd to me an Intimation in your letter to the Comptroller that all the Vouchers had not come forward with the Accounts render'd, You will please to observe that the Treasury take no notice in the first Instance of any advances made full settlements is all they attend to. in future you will forward only

such.others may come in at the close of the business shall on Monday render my accounts up to that day and continue then quarterly. I am making provisions for the Commissioners, Lincoln and Randolph[37] are expected here next week they go by the Albany Route and Sett off the 1st of May. The President of the United States is on a Journey Suppos'd to Mount Vernon. your Indian goods shall not escape me when I find any movement in your Quarter - War now agitates the old World and the Summer will probably be a bloody one, American will profit by the Convulsion yet the tear of humanity Steals down the Cheek of many. Make my respects to Mrs. O'Hara, and believe me your most obt Servant

Samuel Hodgdon.

No. 74.

Colo. O'Hara Legion Ville April 1st 1793

Q M G

Sir

By Mr Dunwiddy you will receive a Statement of the expenditures at this Post. I have not headed it not knowing what form you wish to have it done there was some Iron got by Col Proctor from Elliot & Williams. Mr. Day was to present the account to you or Major Craig. I have left the Sum a blank so that it may be enter'd there, the amount was 502 1/2 lb. Iron the price I do not know. Some time after the

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37. Benjamin Lincoln and Beverley Randolph (plus Timothy Pickering) were the commissioners sent to the Indians in the summer of 1793 to secure peace. See: American State Papers, Indian Affairs, I 340-357.

Iron was got the General gave an Order to purchase it, which was the reason I did not yet Account here. If you wish all expence at this Post enter'd, Major Craig has two Accounts which he Paid, VIZ George Elliott & Pinkerton for days work down here also James Elliot & Archibald McBride for 3 1/2 days work & 6,000 Clapboard at 8L the price of their days work was to be the same Mr Evans gave them before he went away that was to be fix'd at Pittsburgh, and Accounts & receipts given to Major Craig. I am hurrying on with the returns, and as soon as it is finish'd will Send or take it up. I have rec'd the order on Wisthoff

I am Sir Your most obt Servant

Sd John Finley

No. 75.

Col. O'Hara West Liberty 3rd April 1793

Q M G

Sir

The 1st Instant I sent off three boats for Fort Washington. I expected they would have carried each 1000 bushels, but found it not practicable to put that quantity on board they only have 2400 bushels. the remainder will be sent forward as soon as another boat is finish'd which I mean to load and what is over our Contract have agreed with Mr Sutherland for. The Corn Muskingum you was to get is now at Charges on account of Storage and somewhat expos'd to danger from the Savages. I wish to go to Philadelphia this month and as I cannot get the receipts for the Corn and Oats, if you could

venture to advance me some of that very needful Article Cash you would much oblige me. I want to hear from you how you are satisfied concerning the grain in respect to Cash &c.

I am Sir &c

Sd William McKinely

No. 76.

Col O'Hara — Hannans Creek April 4th 1793

Q M G

Sir

I have Contracted for 3,000 bushels Corn at the usual Price but could not get the Seller to deliver it at Fort Washington. I have the offer of several Small quantities in the Mars, but could not take it until I hear from you, if you will allow me to take it so or not - I have three boats Contracted for each 50 feet to be deliver'd the 15th Inst. I can get more boats built in this Country if I could allow them One Month to build them. William McKinely informs me that he has sent on to Fort Washington 2400 bushels of his Contract, and that he has the rest ready. Seven of the Forage boats pass'd by the Mingo bottom all safe, but left one aground on Colo. Brown's Island at Holydays Cove. I apply'd to Major McMahon,[38] and got Some Men from him but could not get her off - I wish that boats may be sent as soon as possible, for the people wish to deliver the Corn as they are

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38. Major William McMahon of the 4th Sub Legion; killed by the Indians in the assault on Fort Recovery, 30 June 1794. Heitman, op. cit., I, 677.

afraid it will Spoil in the heap, the boats to call at the different places, at Col Brown's Holiday Cover at John Hendersons, Mingo botton, two at Buffaloe, two at Short Creek, and the rest at Wheeling.

please send me by the bearer my Brother 5,000 Dolls as I am bound to pay it immediately to the different Persons I have Contracted with. I have sent my Receipt by him for the Sum.

You may rest assur'd that I will use every exertion in my Power to give you General Satisfaction; I would have wrote you Sooner, but I could not reduce any thing to a certainty until now.

I am &c

Sd. Wm. Sutherland

No. 77.

James O'Hara War Department

Q M G April 6th 1793

Sir

I have just receiv'd your Letter of the 26th of March last with the list of Articles enclos'd these shall be duly consider'd and application made to the Secretary of the Treasury for the necessary Funds to be plac'd in your Hands.

The purchase of the lots on which Port Fayette[39] stands shall be taken into consideration & such order taken thereon as shall appear to be authoris'd by the Laws.

I am Sir Your humble Servant

Henry Knox S of War

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39. Fort Fayette, at Pittsburgh, took the place of Fort Pitt. See: Papers of Isaac Craig, passim.

No. 78.

James O'Hara Esqr War Department April 12th 1793

Quarter M Genl

Sir

I have receiv'd your letter of the 6th Inst. - You will receive in a few days after this Letter such proportion of the monies you have requir'd to the 1st July as the Secretary of the Treasury and myself shall Judge Sufficient with an assurance of a further supply from time to time as shall be judged necessary .-

Your Deputy Mr Belli is here and has presented his Accounts to the Treasury for Settlement; for whatever sum he shall produce proper Vouchers will be credited to your Account. Before you descend the Ohio it will be indispensible that your Accounts & Vouchers to the close of the last Year shall be presented to the Treasury for Settlement.

Major Craig speaks of a balance due Turnbull and Marnie for the rent of the Magazine due before your Administration.[40] This account you will pay if reasonable and charge the Same in your Account in consequence of this order. -

I am Sir with respect Your Very Humble Servant

Sd. H Knox

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40. The magazine rented was actually that of Fort Pitt. The government had erected this post on land which was later sold to Turnbull and Marnie, entrepreneurs of Pittsburgh, and thus the magazine had to be rented from them until Fort Fayette was completed. (See: Craig Papers, passim.)

No. 79.

Col James O'Hara Philadelphia April 13th 1793

Quarter M Genl

Sir

Last evening I was favor'd with your letter of the 16th Inst by the Post - With this you will receive another five thousand Dollars remittance in Notes VIZT No. 4301 to 20 twenty Notes of one hundred Dollars each 4535 to 54 thirty notes of fifty Dollars each - and 4001-4100, 4151-4200 one hundred and fifty notes of 10 Dollars each, making in the whole 5000 Dollars, I was happy to know that the last remittance had reached you and hope this also will go safely to hand Your estimate of supplies for the Current year I have fix'd the amount of, and reported and expect Shortly it will be in Motion - the Cash requisition receiv'd at the same time lies before the two Secretaries the result I shall probably know to day . Mr. Lelli is here it Seems in consequence of some intimations from you that it would be proper for him to account for his expenditures he has again drawn bills to the Amount of Five thousand Dollars all of which I am directed to Accept - his expenditures he reports are equal to Sixty thousand Dollars, this circumstance is now a Subject of investigation and will I expect cause some alteration in the mode of doing business in your Department for the future Should such expenditures be much longer continued it is intimated to me that the appropriation for the year will be soon exhausted of this more in my next - Your Accounts to April will be timely no examination of the

previous Quarter has yet taken place - it will commence soon, - I shall occasionally attend at the Office to obviate any difficulties that may arise. My accounts were render'd on the 1st Delli, I understand has brought his to the 1st March

Every requisition of yours before me shall be attended to with the promptness they demand and you shall be Kept advis'd of every material Occurrence.

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servant

Sd Samuel Hodgdon

No. 80.

James O'Hara Esqr Wheeling April 16th 1793

Qr Mr General

Sir

I have deliver'd Mr William Chribbs two thousand four hundred and forty two bushels Corn, also three hundred Bushels of Oats but could not prevail on him or Lieutenant Pope to take any more I wrote Mr Delli and sent the Invoice of what was sent, a copy of which I will send you by first opportunity. I will start two boats from this place to morrow with 1,000 bushels Corn for Fort Washington and on Saturday first I am to receive three boats at the Mouth of Buffaloe each 50 feet which I will send on as soon as possible I have purchas'd 1,000 bushels more of Corn & Oats since I wrote you last by my Brother and also receiv'd the 500 Dollars you sent by him.

I am Sir your most Obt Servant

Sd. William Sutherland

No. 81.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh April 20th 1793

Q M G

Sir

We receiv'd yours of this date Acknowledging the receipt of our Account of Forage furnish'd under Contract of the 4th of October last several Articles you say require elucidation.

You mention that agreeably to our request by letter of the 13th November that you inform'd us by yours of the 3rd of December by Captain Mills[41] that Thomas Jones should proceed with a number of Boats in order to take our Grain to Fort Washington, and that on the 22nd December said Craft did arrive at Muskingum sufficient to take away the whole 3000 Bushels under escort of Captain Guyon [Guion], But that it appear'd only 1187 Bushels was deliver'd to said Jones at that place and that part of the Boats was sent to Bellepre by Grocers & Needy's receipt for 590 1/4 bus Corn - and that you wish to be inform'd of the cause why we did not deliver Mr. Jones more than the Quantity above, and why did not Mr Jones or Captain Guyon's receipt appear for the Said 5900 bus deliver'd Grocers & Needy at Bellepre.

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41. Captain John Mills (aptd. Major, Feb. 19, 1793) of the 2d Sub Legion. Heitman, op. cit., I, 713.

In answer to the first request, on Arrival of Captain Guyon at Marietta we were informed that the Boats had come to take away our Corn. we applied to him to Know where [whether] they were for that purpose. he told us they were. We then inform'd him where the Corn lay & wish'd the Boats sent to the different places as soon as possible which he said should be done, but the next day we were informed that one Boat was to take in the public Corn at Fort Harmar side, and two others were to be loaded with Mr Skinners Corn Immediately on hearing that we spoke to Captain Guion and told him that the boats were sent by the Quarter Master General to take away our Corn and shew'd him your letter of the 3rd December last and inform'd him that our[s] was all ready he said Captain Haskell told him that Mr Skinner had made a Contract with you to supply Corn and had advis'd him to take it in and he saw no reason why all ours should go in preference of his and that he had order'd part of the Boats for that purpose. We then applied to Captain Haskell who told us that we had no right to have more Boats than what he and Captain Guion had allotted us, that Mr Skinner had made a Contract to supply 2000 Bushels and that ours was only 3,000, we ask'd him whether he had seen the Corn that Mr. Skinner had made, he said not, but that he believ'd him, we shew'd him ours and your letter of the 3rd December last and told him that the Boat was sent by our particular desire, and that we should be much disappointed if other people should load them as our Corn was all ready he said what he had advis'd he should not alter - Therefore as Captain Haskell took the whole business into his own hands he being Commander of that place, we could not put any

more Corn on board than what he and Captain Guion pleas'd which is the reason why no more of our Corn went on.

The reason why we did not procure Mr Jones receipt for the 590 1/4 bushels deliver'd Grocer and Reedy per their receipts was Captain Guion would not permit Mr. Jones to land at Bellpre only time enough to Sign them notwithstanding they were all made out with only the Blank to fill up with the quantity by our Clerk who was there doing the business. -

You also say that by a letter from Captain Guion dated below Bellpre of January 1st 1793 to the Commander in Chief that he attributed the loss of part of these Loads to their delay at Muskingum and that you wish us to explain the cause of this delay - All we can Say on this, after the Boats arriv'd every exertion was made that was in our power to get them loaded, and we are sure that no people could do more than we did unless they had the Command of the whole settlements - we therefore hope the above reasons together with Captain William Mills Certificate herein enclos'd will be satisfactory from your Obedient Humble Servants

(sd) Green & Meigs

No. 82.

James O'Hara Esqr War Department April 20th 1793

Q M G

Sir

In pursuance of your requisition the Secretary of the Treasury has Issued his Warrant in favor of your Agent for Forty thousand

Dollars which he will forward immediately

The remaining Sum of twenty five thousand Dollars will be issued in due Season.

An Article in your estimate requires explanation after mentioning twelve Horse Masters, 5 Wagon Masters and 158 drivers you State 12,000 Dollars for the payment of the Department - This Sum confounds all estimates or calculations and does not appear upon enquiry at the Treasury to be founded upon the Statement of your Accounts. one hundred thousand Dollars is the whole Sum appropriated during the present year to the quarter master Department and 24,000 dollars the rate of your estimate would absorb nearly one quarter you will please to explain this estimate Minutely.

The General will communicate to you in confidence, the time when the Horses will be wanted - The often you may require immediately you will make a provisional Arrangement for the horses being supplied with certainty in due Season. -

There were a number of Horses left in Kentucky by Mr. Ludlow the Contractors agent at the close of the year 1791. It is understood at the Treasury that these Horses are part of those for which General St. Clair entered bills, and which were protested by the Contractor, and that therefore the horses are public horses. You will diligently enquire for their Horses and take them into the public Service for which you will probably pay the Small Sum demandable for their pasturage in some Cane brakes. Mr Ludlow is at Fort Washington, and can inform you upon the Subject. -

Mr. Delli is here Settling his Accounts, he will be order'd to Join the Army as early as possible.

You will pay the Armourers I shall direct Hodgdon to send their engagements

I am Sir with respect Your very humble Servt

Sd Henry Knox

Sy of War

No. 83.

Col James O'Hara Phila. April 20th 1793 -

Q M G

Sir

The Post due this day is not arriv'd. I can therefore only reply to your Letter of the 6th Inst which has come to hand in the first place it is proper to note that 13,000 Dollars in Post Notes accompanies this, 3,000 to complete the Warrant of 18,000 Dollars and 10,000 in part of a Warrant receiv'd for 40,000 all of which I hope will go safely to hand. The estimate of supplies for the Current year is committed to me with orders to procure them and send them forward without delay all is in Motion and you may rest assur'd that nothing on my part shall be wanting to comply with the Order equal to the wishes of all concerned. The Commissioners for treating with the Indians are all present and propose Setting off in a few days a large deputation from the Quaker Society attends them it is determin'd to Send no Goods until it is K own whether the Treaty succeeds. - if peace is compass'd, the present which are to be given

annually will be deliver'd at such time and place as the Indians may chuse. All the Articles wanted for the Current year will as soon as possible be on their way. If the post due to day Should not have letters for me I shall depend on hearing from you before you descend the River. Captain Prior is now here and I shall present your draft. let me know when you receive Proume's Money.

I am Sir your most Obt Servant

Sd. Saml Hodgdon

No. 84.

Col James O'Hara Head Quarters Legion Ville 22nd April 1793

Q M G

Sir

Enclos'd are two letters from the Secretary of War dated the 12th and 13th instants which will explain his intention & expectation as to the time for the Troops to descend the River. by that of the 12th it would appear that he expected it would take place on this day, but by that of the 13th he says "as you will have to charge some of your Garrisons it is probable that I shall have the pleasure of writing to you before you descend the Ohio, and that the communication will be more full, as the President will then probably be here."

I have therefore determin'd to embark on the 29th ie. Monday next you will please therefore to govern yourself accordingly, and order all the Stores of every description to be carefully pack'd, mark'd & loaded and sent to this place on or before the 27th Inst. except Ammunition Sufficient for Forts Fayette & Franklin and their

dependencies. -

You will please to direct Mr Scull to publish the enclos'd proclamation in his next paper and continue it till forwid; You Will also please to order two hundred Copies of it to be printed in hand Bills. Also two hundred blank discharges as soon as Sixty of the latter are ready, which I should suppose may be effected by 8 or 9 OClock tomorrow morning you will dispatch the Dragoon with them as well shall have that number to discharge on the Spot you will also please to return the two Letters as they are Originals

Its possible if there should be a Strong North Wind that I may visit Pittsburgh on thursday, but not otherwise as I shall not have a Single moment to Spare.

I hope that my dispatches were forwarded as they were of the last importance Enclos'd is your Commissions.

I am with Sincere esteem your most Obt humble Servant

Sd Anthy Wayne

No. 85.

Copy of a Letter from the Honbl the Secretary of War to his Excellency the Commander in Chief dated War Departmt April 13th 1793 -

No. 50

Sir

I receiv'd yours of the 5th Inst.

I transmitted by the Post of the 8th Inst to the Presidt of the United States who is at Mount Vernon your propositions relatively to Scouts and Garrisons for the Posts on the Upper parts of the Ohio, but

to which I have not receiv'd and could not yet receive an Answer.

But as it is essential that these Garrisons should be immediately established you will please to carry your own propositions as to the Strength of the Garrisons into immediate execution. Your idea of placing as parts of the said Garrison the men least capable of Active Service is a good One and which you will also please to execute accordingly.

Perhaps it may be consider'd as expedient in case of active operations to relieve the said Garrisons and transport them down the Ohio there to serve as Garrisons to your Posts, so that your efficient force may be as great as possible.

The Scouts I hope you have already order'd out, I conceive in case of all vacancies the Officers clearly entitled to those Vacancies are to fill them as soon as they occur but it ought to be well Settled that the Successors are clearly entitled.

I have receiv'd letters from Brigadier Genl Wilkinson dated the 4th Ulto, by which it appears that Armstrong has resign'd [42]

It must be explicitly understood by you that the Camp you

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42. Probably Majr. John Armstrong of the 1st Sub Legion, who resigned Mar. 3, 1793. Ibid., 170.

[illegible] all form for the mass of your Troops if you conceive it essential to discipline to remove that Post Washington shall be at a position where the price of the Ration shall not be greater than at Fort Washington - such positions may be found in abundance on the Margin of the river Ohio either above or below Fort Washington the excessive expense of the price of [illegible] at a distance from the Ohio renders an adherence to this injunction a point of considerable importance to the Public and to prevent all questions on this S[illegible] it will be proper that the Arrangement be perfectly understood between you & the Contractors.

All the Stores which have been written for are prepared [illegible] will be forwarded with all expedition. -

All the recruits which shall be recruited by the middle [illegible] shall be marched to the Frontiers. -

Major Rudulph has had permission from Br. Gl Wilkinson to repair to his Family who were in some distress. The Major is here but will return as soon as he shall arrange his private affairs which I hope will be in two or at most three weeks.

The Commissioners will set out from this place about the 1st May. They will probably be at Niagara about the 20th of the same Month, and at lower Sandusky the place of the Treaty about the 1st of June. they will be instructed most pointedly to inform

you the earliest moment of the result of the Treaty whatever it may be.

As the Commissioners will be unprotected by troops their lives will depend upon an Absolute restraining of all hostile or Offensive Operations during the Treaty, for most indisputably if any incursions into the Indian Country should be made while the Treaty is progressing the Commissioners would be Sacrificed.

It may therefore be highly proper that you should issue a proclamation informing of the Treaty and forbidding all persons whatever from making any Erruptions ? into the Indian Country until the event of the Treaty is Known and permission given for that purpose

The same principles will dictate peculiar caution in any demonstrations of Stores or Magazines which you may deposit at the head of your line and particularly it will preclude any considerable accumulation of troops at your advanced Posts.

Every preparation will be made on your part if the result of the treaty should be unfavorable to act with the highest Vigor. Among these preparations the discipline of the Troops will doubtless not be the least. The Success of our Arms, the honor of the Army, and your own reputation will so materially depend upon this circumstance that the President rests with the fullest confidence upon your exertions upon this point: the progress of which

hitherto has given him great Satisfaction.

Mr. Belli the D Q M is here with his Accts I have understood him that his repairing here was in consequence of some directions relatively to his Accounts given to Brigadier Gl Wilkinson either by your or some communications from the Q M General. As you well have to change some of your Garrisons it is probable that I will have the pleasure of writing you before you descend the Ohio, and that the Communication will be more full as the Presidt. will then Probably be here.

Sd Henry Knox S. of W

No. 86

Col. James O'Hara
Q M G.

Head Quarters Robson's Choice
near Fort Washington 17th May 93

Sir

I am very much astonish'd and disappointed at the Information you give me in your letter of this date of the trifling deposit of grain at Forts Hamilton & Jefferson ie but 900 bushels at the latter and only 6,000 at the former, and that your means of transportation are only 9 Ox teams and 5 Horse teams with but 118 packhorses in place of 300 that had been reported.

This is truly alarming and requires an immediate exertion to remedy the effect; and altho' I feel a Kind of interdiction impos'd upon me, respecting the accumulation of magazines at the head of the line for the present, yet both prudence and Judgment impels me to direct you to encrease your means of transportation (as the Navigation to Fort Hamilton has fail'd) to twenty good horse teams, thirty ox teams and an addition of 300 Pack horses

to the 108 poor lackeys now on hand. -

With this force you will not be able to make a deposit of more than 10,000 bushels of grain at Fort Jefferson in 30 days - after you collect them at Fort Washington which will probably not be sooner than the 1st of June so that by the middle of July we shall not be able to deposit more than one half the Quantity that was contemplated, and which will most certainly be wanted should the War progress in that event you will be directed to encrease your transportation.

At present I have only to wish you success in your purchase; and with a full confidence in your resources & exertions

I am with much esteem Your most obedient

humble Servant

Anthony Wayne

No. 87

Colo. O'Hara QMG Fort Washington February 26th 1793

Sir

I had the honor of writing you last the 11th Inst, and to draw in favor of sundries on the Honble the Secretary of War, 1263 Dollars which I expect is duly paid. I have succeeded in my demand of having a Station of Troops establish'd at the mouth of the Kentucky and will in a few days set some Artificers at

work there, to build temporary Storehouses fit for the reception of grain by this means Sir I hope to receive from 4,000 to 5,000 bushels in the course of the Spring - Agreeable to Mr Craigs letter (dated Jan'y 22nd) I wrote to Major Rudulph about a box of Saddles which it was suppos'd Cornet Dunn receiv'd at Pittsby tho' intended for the Qr Master department. I enclose you the Majors Anser to your government Mr. Chribbs who came down with two Kell boats (arriv'd at this place whilst I was in Kentucky, and my Assistant to clear the United States of an expensive Crew) deliver'd one of them boats to Mr. Chribbs and his party to return in to Pittsburgh, it may at first surprise you to see one of these boats to long ago wanted at this place return'd to you but on a second thought, you will approve of the measure, because there was no vessel to be had at this place and to detain the Crew would have been cruel, considering the expence, beside(s) there was but little corn to be carried to Fort Hamilton at that time. The 17th Inst being engag'd at Fort Hamilton in making some arrangements for the dept. and call'd to attend Capt Armstrongs Trial. I receiv'd a letter from Sub L. Gl Wilkinson informg me that he had receiv'd a letter from the Commander in Chief enclosing a copy of one you wrote me in January last the Original of which has never come to hand yet neither has the 5,000 dollars you therein mention'd tho' so favourable an Opportunity (as Mr.

Williams coming to this Country) offer'd at the same time as it appear'd further by that letter that it was your wish I should make a Settlement of my Accounts to the 1st January which is necessary indeed) I made application to Genl Wilkinson to grant me leave of absence for about 2 mo. which he kindly agreed to, and expect to set out for Philadelphia accordingly by the middle of March which I hope you will approve of, prior to my departure I shall make a Settlement with all those people whose accounts are pressing, and leave a capable assistant without least 1,000 Dollars to defray the Continuing (?) Expence of the department during my absence, it is therefore I wait with impatience for Money and which if not arrives soon will oblige me to draw again. I also expect to succeed in my request I made of General Wilkinson to allow me to take before my departure at least 100 Cavalry Horses to be kept in Kentucky until I return by which means there will be a sufficiency of hay for the Rest that article has been so very scarce of late, that but 5 lb could be allow'd each horse per day I also intend to take most of my Packhorses for one Month into that Country to be recruited there and be fit for Service again by the 1st of April. I can't help lamenting the purchase of them horses which have cost so much Money and answer'd so little purpose. The 20th Inst at

12 oClock at Night a Convoy with my Pack horses (on their way from Fort Hamilton and about 5 miles from here) was attacked by a few Indians, kill'd one of the drivers, 2 horses and drove off about 15. we receiv'd the news at 2 oClock and at 6, the General myself and a party went to the ground to see what was left -- an other party went after them from Fort Hamilton for at least 90 Miles, but were prevented going farther by a sudden Snow which cover'd the Tracks. Enclos'd you will find a receipt of Mr. Marcus Hulings for 441 bushels Corn in ears, which he deliver'd me on your Account I paid him 12 Dollars on Wages that will be due him when return'd to Pittsbg. I am afraid it will be a long while before he and his party can get up, the waters being so extremely high. If it was possible for Mr. Craig to hire hands by the Trip and not per Month would save much Money indeed. The zealous expectation of seeing you Shortly adds greatly to the Satisfaction with which I have the honor to remain Sir Your very humble Servant

Sd. Jno Belli AQM United States Army

No. 88

Col. O'Hara — Philadelphia April 11th. 1793

Q M G

Sir

The enclos'd letter which I overtook on its way to

Pittsburgh in this City, will inform you of what passed in the Department to that period. about the middle of March (by Genl. Wilkinsons leave) I left Fort Washington with my Vouchers to make a Settlement agreeable to your desire, nothing could have induc'd me to take this fatiguing trip, but the risk of sending on Vouchers, so great a distance I thought too considerable, besides, sending an explanation frequently necessary where such extensive accounts are to be settled. I hope this reason will be sufficient and be pleasing to you. I will also have the advantage of seeing you and see establish'd some Rules for my future conduct in the department. I brought with me from Fort Washington a number of Cavalry horses to be Kept in Kentucky and sent most of the Packhorses there to be recruited just before my departure some forage boats arriv'd but without Money a letter, the Superintendent which came down with them told me of some bank Notes that was found in a boat lost near Muskingum but as to particulars could give me none. I have consequently again been oblig'd to draw on the Secretary of War for 3707 $\frac{66}{100}$ dollars which you will be pleas'd to charge to the department. I have waiting on the Auditor with my Accounts, he tells me a plan was sent forward (on which accounts are to be settled) in February last - being unacquainted with that particular mode will perhaps occasion some delay. I expect his opinion this day on the Subject, my stay at any late here will be but Short; satisified you want me

with the Army, and if no plan can be quickly adopted to make a final Settlement, shall propose my Cash Vouchers to be examin'd and settle the rest with you on the new fix'd plan. If I can be of any Service during my short Stay here shall be glad, in the mean time remain Sir Your humble Servant

John Belli Deputy Q.M. General
United States Army

No. 89.

Colo. O'Hara

Philadelphia April 27th 1793

Q M G

dear Sir

The last Post brought me no letter that due to day is not arriv'd -- herein you will receive 10,000 doll in large Notes as I conclude the great number of small Ones lately forwarded will remain as change in the Country the next remittance shall be in smaller bills Captain Prior has paid all but a trifle of your draft you will therefore Credit his Account, and charge mine with the amount advanc'd him as Stated in your draft Shall hope to hear that Doctor Brownes[43] pay agreeable to my draft is in

43. Charles Brown, surgeon's mate and subsequently surgeon to the Legion. Ibid., 250.

your hands. I am preparing the supplies for the current year a part of them are already on the Road On this and every other Subject I shall keep you inform'd. I expect by this time the troops will be making preparations to descend the River. I should have mention'd that your draft for a thousand dollars in favor of William Irvin has been presented & paid.

Will thank you to forward the enclos'd letter to its destination by the first safe Conveyance.

I am Sir Your most Obt Servant

Sd. Samuel Hodgdon

No. 90.

James O'Hara Esqr.

Q MG

Sir

Treasury Department

Comptrollers Officer May 3rd 1793

I have receiv'd an abstract & vouchers of disbursements made by you from the 1st January 1793 to the 31st March following, said to amount to Twenty one thousand four hundred & sixty five dollars and twenty two Cents

You are requested to State your future accts in the mode prescrib'd by my Letter of the 9th. of March accompained with an Account Current shewing the balance in your hands.

I am very respectfully Sir Your Obt Servt

Sd Oliver Wolcott

No. 91

James O'Hara QMG Philadelphia 4th May 1793

Sir

On the 30th Ulto receiv'd your letter dated the 20th, was glad to find another 5000 dolls had safely reach'd you to day I hope to hear that the last remittance of 13,000 dollars had gone as safely to hand it accompanied my letter of the 20th April, and on the 27th forwarded the Second 10,000 on the last Warrant since then I have paid your second draft in favor of Greene and Meigs of 1040 dollars, and now send you nine thousand dollars, more in small Post Notes which without Accident you will receive with this letter. I have credited your Account with 1000 dollars receiv'd of Captain Prior, and charg'd it with the 90 dollars you receiv'd of Doctor Browne Today several packages of Indian goods were sent to my Store to be forwarded to Pittsburgh - as I had no previous knowledge of this purchase I immediately waited on the two Secretaries for information relative to them. all that I could obtain was that they were a small parcel purchas'd on a particular occasion and of very particular kind, I again reminded them of your goods, and the probable advantage that might be gain'd by purchasing them on the Spot - the answer suggested that they too might be

found necessary eventually I thought it proper under circumstances to make this communication.

I had written therefore when your letter of the 26th Ulto was put into my hand I was very happy to find you had receiv'd mine covering the 13,000 Dollars, and that the remittances were perfectly agreeable - I am from heart engag'd, and am pleas'd when I give satisfaction. Nothing more to communicate than you will find in the papers.

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servt.

Sd. Samuel Hodgdon

No. 92.

James O'Hara Esqr Philadelphia 10th May 1793

Dear Sir

With this you will receive 5,000 dollars in Post Notes, being part of the 40,000 last issued on your requisition the small balance shall hold to meet your occasional drafts, or until I have your further direction By Letters by this days Mail I am advis'd that the Army has proceeded to Fort Washington but I am not advis'd whether you accompanied it. If this should find you at Pittsburgh, I will thank you to inform me what articles providing for the present year will be first wanting every thing is in motion, but some supplies may be more immediately wanting, and those on Notice will command a greater attention. The Wabash Indians, 10 in number under the Government

& protection of Captain Prior left this City for Pittsburgh in two 4 horse Stage Waggons, yesterday - I hope they will return to their respective homes in safety. I am Sir &c

Saml Hodgson

No. 93.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh May 10th 1793

Qr Mr General

Immediately after your departure I had the 4 boats at Legion Ville fitted up for carrying Grain and sent Major Finley to see them loaded at the several places where the grain was deposited, expecting that Major McCully would have had his business finish'd in time to have taken charge of the boats at Wheeling but as he is not yet (arrived) return'd and the water continuing to fall I have directed Major Finley to give Dennis Farris charge of the boats and send them forward - Farris notwithstanding his diminutive Figure has hitherto acted with Propriety in several instances, as a Boatman and Pilot, I have promis'd to pay him 15 dollars per Month provided, he deliver these boats and cargoes safe at Fort Washington, but if any damage or loss is sustain'd, he is not to be paid more than a common hand - Major Ginley will enclose you the Invoice. I have sent one Waggon horse that Mr McKenie rode the day before the Army embarked the other two Waggon horses that were given to Lt Tinsley[44] to carry his Baggage to Fort Franklin[45] were lost on their return

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44. Lt. Samuel Tinsley of the 3rd Sub Legion. Ibid., 963.

45. Fort Franklin

to Pittsburgh then in charge of Major Hughes' detachment, which arriv'd here on tousday last

Mrs. General Wilkinson is not yet arriv'd but hourly expected, a boat is completely fitted up for her and her Suit and Major Hughes[46] with his detachment wait to Escort her. -

Mrs. O'Hara open'd your Packet by last Post in which she found a letter from Samuel Hodgdon Esqr enclosing 10,000 dollars, large Post Notes which shall be sent in charge of Major Hughes, I have enclos'd a copy of Samuel Hodgdon's letter, the Original shall be sent with the Money . -

The Post is this moment arriv'd - Mrs. O'Hara has open'd your Packet which contain'd two letter, copies of which I now send you, the original together with a Packet said to contain 9,000 dollars, in small post Notes shall be sent in charge of Major Hughes

I say Mrs. O'Hara a few minutes ago, she is much better than at your departure.

I shall write you more fully by Major Hughes but if he should not sett off by the 13th I shall then send an Express with the General dispatches.

I am Sir Your Obedient Humble Servant

Isaac Craig

PS. I expect to send Major Finley in charg'd with the first Stores that are hereafter forwarded, he will continue with the Army if wanted. -

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46. Major Thomas Hughes of the 1st Sub Legion. Ibid., 553.

No. 94.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh May 15th 1793

Qr Mr General

Sir

I now send you in charge of Major Thomas Hughes the bank Notes & letter mentioned to you in mine of the 10th Inst by Dennis Ferris: You have here with Major Hughes Receipt for 19,000 dollars, 10,000 of which are in large Notes, the other is enclos'd in a Packet: said to contain 9,000 dollars in small Notes. Major Hughes has also charge of dispatches for the Commander in Chief togeth r with several letters to Officers &c , all of which he will deliver at your office. I have also sent 100 of the Generals proclamations, most of the other 100 have either been sent to the Lieutenant, of the Frontier Counties and other public persons, posted up in public places, or sent into Kentucke Via Limestone - Mrs. Wilkinson is not yet arriv'd, but expected on saturday next. Dr. Andrews[47] waits to escort her. I have prevail'd on Co. Clarke[48] to detain Lieut Pond[49], a few days, in order to take charge of a Store Boat, three Waggon loads of the Cargo are already on board, and 5 other Waggons will be in this night or tomorrow, part of this loading are Stores for the Commander in Chief. -

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47. Joseph Andrews, surgeon's mate of the 3rd Sub Legion. Ibid., 166.

48. Lt. Col. John Clark of the 4th Sub Legion. Ibid., 304.

49. Lt. Lewis Pond of the 1st Sub Legion. Ibid., 229.

I presume this Post will set off on the 17th Inst. so as to take the dispatches, that may come by Post that day Governor St. Clair is arriv'd and taken ill of the Gout. The High Priest is also come to Town (to pray for you all) on his way to Head Quarters to pray for you all. James Gill is employ'd as a Pilot to Major Hughes, I have agreed with him at 12 Dolls the Day, and have drawn on you for that Sum in his favor which please to pay. I had instructions from the Secretary of War last Post, to send William Wilson[50] to meet the Commissioners at Niagara, he is accordingly to sett off tomorrow morning for that place Via Fort Franklin, and Buffaloe Creek.

As it appears that Dennis Ferris has lost the letters &c with which he was entrusted, I have now sent duplicates - I sometimes call to see your Family; Mrs O'Hara appear very well and I believe the children also. -

I am Sir Your Obt humble Servant

Sd. Isaac Craig

No. 95.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh May 17th 1793

Q M Gl.

Sir

The business I had to finish up the river detain'd me several

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50. William Wilson of near Pittsburgh had been sent as an interpreter with the peace commissioners of 1793. (See: Amer. State Papers, Indian Affairs, vol. I.)

days longer than I expected at parting with you, on account of some persons being absent I had to settle with, and did not return to this place before the 11th Inst.

When I return'd found that Major Finley had been sent with 4 grain boats to the neighbourhood of Buffaloe, and Wheeling, in order to load them & send them forward to Fort Washington. I had conceiv'd that these 4 boats would have been sufficient to have taken all the Grain at those place[s], believe that the principal part of the purchases made there had been sent on before the Army mov'd But on the return of Major Finley to this place which was on the 14th he reported that he had sent on the 4 boats from Buffaloe with 1400 bushels Corn & 70 or 80 bus. Oats. I must confess I was astonish'd at the small quantity as I have frequently sent more and never less in two boats. Major Finley says from what Mr. Sutherland told him, and from his own Observations, that it will take at least ten boats to carry all the Grain and Hay at Wheeling and between that & Pittsburgh.

We are fitting out as many boats as will move the whole, with two Keel boats. I expect down the river every day, as soon as these boats are finish'd and hands procur'd (which are very hard to be got) I will hurry to join you, without a Moment loss of time.

I am Sir with esteem your most Obt Servant

Sd. Geo McCully

No. 96.

Jmaes O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh 28th May 1793

Q M General

Sir

I wrote you on the 15th Inst by Major Hughes in whose charge I sent you 19,000 dollars of Post Notes, I also wrote by Lieutenant Bond on the 17th in whose charge I sent you 5,000 Dollars both of these sums I hope have by this time reach'd you.

Three grain boats and four hay boats are now loading at Buffaloe, Wheeling &c two more boats will be ready to sett off with the first rise of the Water, under the direction of Major McCully.

William McKinley has produc'd a Contrt. with you and vouchers for delivery of grain at Muskingum and Pellepre, and not having Cash in hands, I gave him a draft on Samuel Hodgdon for 1104 dolls & I have enclos'd their proposals they request you answer soon as possible. William McKinley being then on his way to Philadelphia, should Mr Hodgdon not have my draft I shall be mortified indeed. I have already experienc'd considerable difficulty by not being able to discharge the Accounts of the Dept. and I am unwilling to draw without your Instructions on Mr Hodgdon.

General Knox informs me that about 500 recruits will be sent forward in the course of this month & the next, and directs me to have boats provided for them.

Captain Prior with his Indians are here - they wait for their baggage &c. arriving and these are to descend the Ohio, a boat

is now fitting up for them

Greene & Meigs wish to enter into Contract for delivering 8,000 bushels Corn at Fort Washington I have enclos'd their proposals, they request your answer as soon as possible.

Mr. Dangerfield one of General Posey's family,[51] waits here the Arrival of the Generals Stores - I expect to send by him a considerable Quantity of Qr. Mr Stores, that I am inform'd are on the way.

I have enclos'd Mr. Bellis receipt for the Articles deliver'd him. Mrs. O'Hara was very well this morning.

I am Sir Your most obt Humble Servant

/ d./ Isaac Craig

No. 97.

James O'Hara Esqr Mariotta 4th June 1793

Q M G

Sir

In purchasing several Articles for this Post and the troops ascending & descending the river I am oblig'd often to advance the Money and as your Office is at some distance, it several times subjects me to inconveniencies before I get my Accounts & Vouchers forwarded, and the remittance is made - Mr Belli thinks it would be necessary that a small Sum of Money should be

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51. Ensn. William A. Dangerfield, received a field appointment for his outstanding service. W.P., XXXII, doc. 15. Brig.Gen. Wm. Posey, resigned Feb. 28, 1794. Heitman,

lodg'd at this Post for the use of your department. he would have left some if he had it, but advises me to apply to you

I am Sir your Obt Servant

J Haskell Capt 2nd. S L, U. States.

No. 98.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsbgh, 2nd June 1793

Q M G

Sir

Your letter of the 8th. Ulto I have just receiv'd and am made happy to your expectation & safe arrival at Fort Washington and also by the safe Arrival of Hulings Forage boats. This most extraordinary run of such a large Fleet of transports Stores & Forage Boats without loss or damage bodes well and I apprehend will reflect honor on the Qr Mr General as well as on the Commander In Chief.

I shall pay particular attention to your instructions and shall endeavour to execute your orders with promptitude and if possible anticipate your wishes in forwarding the supplies for the Current year

I have contracted for 4 Tons of Hughes Iron, and two Tons of Turnbull and Marnie's and now look for its arrival - As soon as it comes to hand, it shall be sent forward, a number of the Bags are provided & more expected from Baltimore & Red Stone I shall purchase the Waggons as soon as possible - two that I have already engag'd shall be immediately sent together with the horses you mention.

The teams shall be provided & sent on without loss of time, and to answer your description if possible.

Major McCully is now at Buffaloe & Wheeling loading 5 grain & 4 hay boats which I hope he will be able to sett off with the present high water - Mr James Ewing takes charge of these boats, as Major McCully cannot leave his Family at this Juncture.

Mr Hodgdon informs me that several waggons were loaded and loading on the 25th Ulto and that some others had gone forward, and also that no time should be lost in compleating your requisition for the present year. Boats are already fitted up for carrying the Stores on their arrival, and no detention shall take place here unless it be waiting for an escort. -

I have already been under a necessity of drawg on Samuel Hodgdon Esqr. in favor of McKinley & Skinner to discharge their Account for Forage deld [delivered] at Pittsburgh and Kellegri &c, to amount of 1104 dollars. I have also been oblig'd to borrow money to discharge some of Major McCullys Forage Accts and have taken his draft on you for 1100 dollars, this draft I shall send you by Major Hunt[52] for which when receiv'd please to give me Credit.

You are no doubt aware than an immediate supply of Cash is wanted for this post, at this time money cannot be borrow'd here

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52. Major Thomas Hunt of the 2nd Sub Legion. Ibid., 557.

the merchants have not receiv'd since their last remittance to Philadelphia more than pays carriage of their present large cargoes of Merchandize.

Mr Greene of Marietta is now here, he takes ~~charge~~ charge of a boat fitted up for carrying Grain and engages to have it loaded with Greene & Meigs Corn at Muskingum and sent forward by careful hands to Fort Washington address'd to you or order

William Turner has deliver'd four Kentucky boats agreeable to his Contract with you these boats came rather unreasonable as a great number of the other boats are yet on hand. - The Keel boats are hourly expected, they shall on their arrival be loaded with Grain in bags and sent forward; Major McCully proposes taking charge of these Keel Boats

Mrs. O'Hara & Family are all very well

I am Sir Your very Obt. humble Servant

Sd Isaac Craig

PS. a copy of Samuel Hodgden's letter is herewith enclos'd

No. 99.

Col O'Hara — Philadelphia November 23rd 1793

Q M Genl

Sir

With this you will receive another remittance of Ten thousand Dollars, making with the two former sums forwarded by Post thirty thousd dollars to which add the Specie sent by Brotherton the amount being two thousand five hundred Dollars leaves in my hands two thousand five hundred dollars of the

[illegible] thousand receiv'd on your Account a part of which I inform'd you was appropriated for the payment of the Cavalry [illegible] on your last request. The remainder shall be duly accounted for. I shall be made happy when I know these several sums have safety reach'd you. As before requested I wish you to send you[r] receipts with your Acknowledgements of the arrival of the Cash. - I am Sir Your [illegible] Obt Servant

[illegible]

No. 100.

Col. O'Hara [illegible] Pittsburgh 15th June 1793

[illegible]

Sir

Agreeable to your instructions I have purchas'd two Waggons and Six Waggon horses & have sent you these, together with [illegible] of the best riding horses, the others are not worth sending, three horses having been given to a part of Seneca & Wabash Indians by orders of Col Clarke, these Indians are gone to the Treaty.

Not having any person that I can depend on to take care of these horses, and James Dunwoody wishing to go to Fort Washington, I have given him charge of a Kentucky boat loade as per Invoice you will please to make him Compensation, & employ him further if his services are wanted.

I believe he intends to [illegible] to you; I intended also to have given him charge of a [illegible], that is loading, had not important dispatches that arrived last night from the War

Office render'd it necessary to send off this boat in charge of Captain Melcher to carry the dispatches. -

I have enclos'd a Copy of the Secretary of Wars last letter by which you will see he intends that all the Stores shall in future go by land to Wheeling, this new Arrangement I apprehend has originated in the Brains of the Gentlemen of Washington who envy Pittsburgh, and have therefore represented to General Knox that the Navigation is practicable in the dryest Season.

Major McCully proposes Setting off with the last of the Large Boats in a few days.

It is said that Thomas Martin has several loads of Public Stores, now at Shippensburgh, there waiting to procure cheap Waggons to bring it forward - I have now fure [four?] Store boats fitted up & waiting for these Stores.

The Commissioners at Niagara sent an express with instructions to me to purchase & send them 80,000 white wampum in consequence of which all that was in your Stores, and the other Stores in Town, I purchasd and sent them amounting to 38,000 - I shall continue to purchase and send you Waggons & Stores till the Compliment is completed.

I shall send you in a few days two Tons of Hughes Farr Iron - the Iron I now sent I believe to be very good.

I am Sir your Obt Servt.

Ed. Isaac Craig

PS. Captain Melcher has refus'd to sign a receipt for the Boat and Cargoe, the Articles therein enumerated in the Invoice were

intended to have been fill'd with Grain, Mr Jones was to have gone to Ulerys in the Boat to see the grain measur'd, put on board and have the receipts sign'd, and the Invoices enclos'd to you, but Captain Melcher[53] refusing to sign the receipts I have sent the Invoices in charge of Dunwoody - a half [illegible] from your Store for the purpose of measurg the Grain at Ulerys, is now on board the boat.

(s/ Isaac Craig

No. 101.

Colo. O'Hara [illegible] Pittsburgh 17th May 1793

Q M G

Sir

You will receive by the hands of Lt Pond a Boat loaded with Military Stores as per Invoices. I have also sent you in his charge a letter from Saml Hodgdon Esquire receiv'd this day, accompanied by a Casket said to contain five thousand Dollars in Post Notes for which you have Lieutenant Ponds Receipt enclos'd I wrote you on the 15th Inst by Major Hughes in whose charge I sent you nineteen thousd. dollars, together with the Original letters that accompanied this money, copies of which were sent by Farris on the 10th. General Wilkinson's Lady is not yet arriv'd.

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53. Captain Jacob Melcher of the 1st Sub Legion. Ibid., 702.

The Secretary of War informs me that General Posey should certainly sett off on the 13th on his way to Head Quarters, and has directed me to have a boat ready for him on his arrival. It is probable he will be here in time to descend the river in the boat with Mrs Wilkinson she is expected tomorrow. -

The money put into my hands falls short of paying off my Accounts, including several large Sums, vouchers for which are now rendor'd by Major McCully. I expected you instructions from Wheeling to have enabled me to have drawn on Samuel Hodgdon occasionally.

I am now fitting up Four day & five grain boats to take in the Forage on the Banks of the Ohio - this forage on enquiry amounts to a much greater quantity than I expected.

Major McCully says he will take charge of these boats. -

Mr John Ward is return'd he accounts for the loss of the Forage Boats, by Mr. Junifer [Jenifer][54] taking the whole direction of the boats, and persisting to Manage them as he pleas'd. James Williamson who was in that Fleet and now return'd says the loss of the Boats was owing to Junifers obstinacy - I have advis'd Mr. Ward to send some dispositions respecting this business that he had taken whilst at Fort Washington, by which it appears he is not so much to blame as was first supposd.

I am Sir your Obt humble Servt

Sd. Isaac Craig -

PS I have sent 16 Poles with Sockets for the new Keel boats, the

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54. Lt. Daniel St. Thomas Jenifer of the 4th Sub Legion. Ibid., 571.

poles not being ready when the Boats sett off.

No. 102.

Col O'Hara Q M G. Fort Hamilton July 22nd. 1793

Sir

The opinions you have requested of me, relatively to the number of Spies and Guides necessary to be employ'd when the Army takes the Field is a difficult one for me to give, as that subject must be regulated, in a great degree by the rapidity of our movements, and the objects to be struck at. -

With respect to Spies (so term'd) I think you need not give yourself any concern at the present moment, as any good Woodsman, conversant in the signs left by human or Animal traces on the surface of the Earth, and acquainted with the Stratagems of the enemy, will answer the purpose, and such may be had in any number from the Kentucky Volunteers -

Guides are of more Importance & are more difficult to be had. I know of three persons only unconnected with the Army who may be useful in this Capacity, these are Smally and Flinn of Columbia, and Shaffer of Dunlap's Station - The first is acquainted with the total of Au Glaize, and Tawa river to its afflus with the lake the latter with the Site of the Miami Villages, and the Country North & N. West about Forty miles, and Flinn is particularly acquainted with the Indian Path and the intermediate Country from Genl St Clairs Field to the Vicinity of the said Villages. These persons should be found

if possible, if possible to give their Services when call'd on.

But if I had a party of Six Woodsmen under my orders at present (such as John & James Spencer of Columbia) I would employ them to give great Security to our Conveys on the communication to Fort Jefferson: I have not mention'd this matter to the Commander in Chief but if you approve the Idea you may and shall in that case be oblig'd to you to forward my views; this Scout will be constantly kept 8 or 10 Miles in advance - Scouring the Country on our Flanks, none but very extraordinary constitutions are capable of such service.

Mr. Denham goes to Camp on some business with you, but must be here again tomorrow - I beg leave to assure you that he is in his present Station an invaluable Servant.

And I have the honor to be with great deference and consideration Sir your most Obt & most humble Servt.

Sd Ja. Wilkinson

No. 103

Copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Secretary of War dated Treasury Department June 25th 1793.

Sir,

I have concluded to direct purchases of distill'd Spirits to be made on account of the Government and for the use of the Army in the West parts os Pennsylvania, Maryland, & Virginia and in the State of Kentucky to be deliver'd according to the convenience of the Settlers at the Several Forts [illegible] Washington

& Steuben and also at the South of Muskingum a mode in which I intend by way of experiment to conduct the Supply of the Army in that article during the year 1793.

I request that you will be obliged pleas'd to give the necessary directions for the reception and safe Keeng of the Spirits which shall be deliver'd at the said places to be deliver'd to the care and issued under the direction of the Quarter Masters department.

A Return Similar to that which is furnish'd for the purpose of receiving provisions receipted upon by the proper Office must be the Vouchers for each issue of Spirits.

It is probable that for the greater Security of the revenue, an Officer of the Revenue may be Sent to reside at Fort McIntosh - I request that the Commanding Officers of the Post may be instructed to offer [?] accomodation for the purpose and to aid him with a Boat and hands to manage her when necessary.

With respectful consideration I have the Honor to be Sir Your Obt Servant

Alexr Hamilton

No. 104. Extract of a letter from the Secretary of War to Maj. Isaac Craig, dated War Department June 25th. 1793.

If you have no Agent of the Quarter Master Dept at Big Beaver, you must appoint a confidential one and also Colo. Sproat at Marietta for the purpose mention'd in the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury a copy of which is enclos'd. You must write to

Col Sproat and promise him a reasonable compensation for his Trouble -

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No. 105.

James O'Hara Esqr [illegible] Phila. 29th June 1793

T M G

Sir

Since your embarkation I have not had a line from you - nearly the whole of the Indent for supplies for the present year are forwarded & I am now [illegible] busily employ'd in sending on the Cloathing that for the Artillery is already gone, and the Cavalry will all be on the road in the course of three or four days the Infantry's will bring up the rear immediately I send the Cloathing forward in this way to prevent mistake or confusions all the packages are mark'd for the respective Corps and minute & particular invoices accompany every package, besides which I have sent an aggregate invoice of the whole - So much attention will I hope prevent complaint The expence of transportation is immense but all applications hitherto have been promptly attended to. I have rec'd Warrants for 18,696 Dollars being the remainder of the 65,000 application - out of it I have paid several Drafts of Major Craig's - and have also forwd him 5000 Dollars the receipt of which he has Acknowledg'd - the remainder is Subject to your drafts or other calls of the Department. The newspapers are forwarded as usual they contain the occurrences of the day.

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servant

Sd Saml Hodgdon

No. 106.

James O'Hara Esqr War Departmt June 29th 1793

Q M G

Sir

I enclose you an (letter) extract of a letter to me from the Secretary of the Treasury and also a copy of my orders to Major Craig. It will remain for you to appoint some person to receive the Spirits alluded to at Fort Washington - It will be necessary to add that he ought to be a person in whom entire confidence may be plac'd

Six thousand three hundred & four Dollars has lately been furnish'd Major Craig upon his requisition, and for objects contain'd in your estimates.

The remainder amounting to thirteen thousands Seven hundred & twenty five Dollars & $\frac{21}{100}$ has been advanc'd to Mr. Hodgdon to answer your draft according to your advice to him.

A Schedule of your requisition of the 26th March last is enclos'd.

I am Sir Your humble Servant

H Knox

Sd. Sy of War

No. 107.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh 30th June 1793

Q M G

Sir

Major McCully is now setting off with a Keel boat built by

Joseph Chester this boat will I expect carry nearly all the grain remaining of Mr Sutherland's purchase - at Buffaloe & Wheeling I have sent a number of new bags as per Invoice more shall be sent forward in a few days

I find myself very much embarrassed by not being regularly supplied with money the charges against the Quarter Master Department at this post for the present quarter year greatly exceeds my expectations. I am now making out the abstract in order to have it & vouchers transmitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury by next Post a duplicate of the abstract shall also be enclos'd to you. I find it will amt. to 18,000 Dollars. I have been under a necessity of making considerable advances of money to Major McCully and have taken his Drafts on you for 1760 Dollars, these two drafts you have herewith enclos'd VIZT one for 1160 Dollars, the other for 600 Dollars, these two Sums please to place to my Credit - I have now drawn on you in favor of William Moore & John Conrad for 10 Dollars, which please to pay & charge to my Account. -

The Suit respecting the Magazine was determd last Court by a most Ignorant and rascally Jury in favor of Gray for the whole Amount of his Bills which I have paid.

Mr Hodgdon writes me that the greater part of the Stores requir'd for the current year is now on the way to Pittsburgh boats shall be ready to carry them on their arrival. -

Capt. Pike is expected about the 3rd or 10th of next month with 140 Men on his way to Head Quarters. I shall send ~~to him all the Horses that may then have come forward.~~ [55]

55. Capt. Zebulon Pike of the 3rd Sub Legion. Ibid., 792.

I am Sir Your Most Obt Hble Servt.

Sd. Isaac Craig

No. 108.

James O'Hara Esqr Phila. [illegible] May 1793

Q M G

Sir

In my last I inform'd you that I had receiv'd a Warrant for the remains of the 25,000 Dolls after deducting the amount of Bills drawn on me - the amount 18,696 dollars- Since 7500 have been sent to Craig, and your drafts amounting to 5315 Dollars have come to hand and not due honor the Settlement I present that you may know the Sum on hand. I am glad to find your purchases in Kentucky have been fortunate and Satisfactory

I have this day inform'd Major Craig of your authorising him to draw on me for money to sustain his Post, his drafts in consequence will be attended to. The supplies on your indent for the current year are chiefly forwarded, the Small remains will follow immediately together with a further Supply of Military Stores. VIZT Arms Cartouch boxes, Powder & Lead - All the Artillery Cloathing is gone on - the last of the Cavalry's are off tomorrow, and the Infantry will follow as fast as transportation can be procur'd the Department will have reason to believe be Kept well in countenance tho' the expence is very considerable.

Adieu I am Sir Your &c

Sd. Saml Hodgdon

No. 109.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh 17th July 1793

Q M Genl

Sir

I have now Sent you in charge of Lt. James Glenn[56] as per Invoices all the Stores that have yet come forward togethar with several Articles provided here amongst which are an excellent Waggon and two 4 horse Teams of good young horses One Ton Barr Iron, Twill'd bags Saddles Bridles Harness Leather &c I have not been able to complete any of the Packsaddles as the Tickenburgh is not yet come to hand -

Capt. Pike will Sett off in a few days, any stores that may come to hand in that time shall be forwarded in his charge.

By last Post I enclos'd to the Comptroller of the Treasury my vouchers for my Disbursement up to the 1st of the Month accompanied by an Abstract and a General return of Stores a Copy of the Abstract and a return was some time sent to the Secretary of War another Copy of the Abstract together with a General return for the Commander in chief but find it impossible tl complete it in due time I have therefore to request that he may see this return as soon as you have inspected it.

I have not been able to complete the purchase of the Waggon & Teams not being properly supplied with money for that purpose

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56. Lt. James Glen[n] of the 4th Sub Legion. Ibid., 460

I have repeatedly applied to the Secretary of War, & inform'd him of your requisition for horses, Waggons &c, he has at difft times sent me 7,500 Dollars, and informs me that money will be obtain'd on the application of the Quarter Master General only. -

I have found that nearly all the Forage purchas'd on the Ohio was unpaid at your Departure the amount will exceed 3,000 dollars, a considerable part of which is still unpaid - but as Mr Hodgdon's letter now informs me that he has receiv'd your instructions to transmit the necessary supplies for this post, I expect to be enabled to take up all these accounts. -

Two tons of Hughes Barr Iron is just arriv'd and shall be sent forward by Captain Pike.

I have yet a very industrious nailer at work and therefore have retain'd a part of the Nail rods, which he is now working up into excellent nails at 3d per pound. -

The Blacksmiths are employ'd at making Horse Shoes, falling Axes, entrenching tools &c. -

I presume the Secretary of War has inform'd you of the mode intended for supplying the Army with Whiskey the ensuing year, and of the additional Duty it will occasion in the Quarter Master Department. he directs me to appoint some Confidential person at Beaver Creek to take charge of such Whiskey as the Agents of purchases may send there, and also to appoint Col Sproat at Marietta for the same purpose at that Post -

A Block house & Store house is immediately to be erected at Wheeling, that Post to be [be] Garrison'd by a Subaltern & 30 men. Col. Clark & myself are to sett off as soon as Captain Pike's Detachment embark which is expected will be on the 19th.

Captain Pratt[57] with 100 men is expected here the last of this Month. General Knox writes me that he expects all the Stores intended for the Current year will be at this Post before Captain Pratts arrival, who is directed to take charge of & escort them to Fort Washington

Joseph Nicholas is just arriv'd from Fort Erie he brings a letter from the Commissioners a Copy of which is herewith inclos'd Nicholas says upwards of 700 of the Seneca Indians are setting off for the Treaty from Fort Erie & that Cornplanter & 50 of his Tribe sett off from Fort Franklin a few days ago. -

As Accounts of charges against the Qr Master Department is frequently sent from Marietta &c to this Post for Settlement would it not be proper for Col Sproat to take up these Accounts as he will be better acquainted with Circumstances respecting them. -

I am Sir &c

Isaac Craig.

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57. Captain John Pratt of the 1st Sub Legion. Ibid., 804.

No. 110.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh July 26th 1793

Qr. Mr. Genl

Sir

By Lt. Glenn on the 17th Inst. I enclos'd to you a return of Stores up to the 1st July 1793. together with an Abstract of my Disbursements, & have this day Inclos'd to the Secretary of War by his order, an Account Current with the Quarter Mr. Department, a Transcript of which I have now herewith inclos'd.

This account the Secretary of War has reqd previous to my remittances of Money to enable me to discharge my engagements, notwithstanding your instructions.

I have also at his request made out & Sent him an estimate of Objects of expenditures for the present quarter year, commencing the 1st Inst. a Transcript of which I shall send you by Captain Pratt who is expected in a few days by whom I shall forward two or three Waggons, and a large quantity of Stores that are now on the road, -

Mr Myers the bearer is in an engagement with a Company in establishing Stage boats on the Ohio as his intentions appear laudable, I have taken the liberty to introduce him to your notice. -

Mr. Myers has also charge of important dispatches for the Commander in Chief,

I am &c

Isaac Craig

No. 111.

James O'Hara Esqr Phila. March 20th 1793.

Sir

It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of a line from you. preparations in case the Treaty should not procure peace I conclude you are making All the Articles mention'd in your estimate and many others have gone forward. As in all the Cloathing for the Artillery & Cavalry the Troops upon the upper parts of the Ohio are the 1st Sub Legion including its Rifle Corps - a considerable part of the Cloathing for the 2nd Sub Legion is also on the road and the remainder will follow as fast as transportation can be procur'd. In consequence of your letter from Washington all the remains of the 65,000 Dollars after paying your draft has been remitted to Major Craig the transportation will consume a great Sum and I conclude you will yet have large draft to support the great number of Horses now employ'd with the Army By the next Post I will endeavour to forward an Invoice of all the Stores sent to Pittsburgh. I have done it both partially & generally to the Secretary of War and he no doubt has Kept the Commander in Chief fully inform'd and from him you must have known the State of the business from time to time If further supplies from this quarter are necessary on information thereof they shall be forwarded. The news you will collect from the papers which are regularly sent you.

I am Sir your Most Obt Servant

Sd Saml Hodgden

No. 112.

James O'Hara Esqr

Q M G

Sir

Your letter of the 17th June & 11th July by Muling I receiv'd on the 31st Ulto together with the Genls dispatches which were next day forwarded by post.

I am sorry my exertions at this post has not met your approbation, and can assure you that I have taken all possible pains to execute your Orders with the most Scrupulous promptitude & attention Waggons order'd I endeavour's as early as possible to procure and for that purpose I engag'd a Mr Henderson to bring up from York 10 new ones these have not yet come forwd. and I have not neglected on the Arrival of every waggon that came up to your description to endeavour to purchase. I now send three & shall endeavour to complete and send on the number order'd as soon as they come forward the very irregular inadequate supplies of money that I have obtain's has operated to retard these purchases. -

Your first order for One thousand Axes was completed and since that time Six hundred & fifty nine have been provided, you will now receive One hundred & eighty and more are now on hand, and shall be forwarded by Lieut Reed in a few days.

Captain Pratt has now in charge all the Stores that have come since Captain Pikes departure as per Invoice which consists principally of Cavalry & Artillery Cloathing Samuel Hodgdon Esqr informs me that r turns of Cloathing for the several Corps have been transmitted to Head Quarters, duplicates of which he has sent me you will please to observe that Hogshead No. 25 on the General Return Cavalry Clothing is not in this Invoice as it has not yet come forward. I have wrote to Mr Hodgdon respecting it.

Mr. Hodgdon informs me by his letter of the 3 Inst that he was sending forward the lastTumbrils or Powder Casks that he had sent them on without Geers, expecting a sufficient quantity of those Articles on hand at Fort Washington, but least any difficulty should occur in procuring those Articles at Head Quarter, I have set Mr Horner and the Smith to work who I expect will have harness complete by the time the Carts arrive.

Mr. Hodgdon also informs me that on the 3 Inst the Cloathing for the 1st Sub Legion was then nearly all on the Road, and that the Cloathing for the 2nd Sub Legion should then command his attention. by this report you will naturally conclude that the whole of the Cloathing will not reach Head quarters before the end of September.

Six Bolls of Tickle-burgh came to hand last week; as soon as it arriv'd I sent John Denny, Edward Lockey and another hand at Pack saddle making. I expect by Lieut Reed to send you 250 or perhaps 300 completed and shall go on to finish 500.

The bags have not been neglected all that could be procur'd in the four Western Counties have been called Store Keepers in all the principal places engaged to purchase all that can be procur'd, and send them to Pittsburgh you will not receive one hundred & thirty one all of good quality.

I have contracted with Mr William McKinley of West Liberty for 3,000 bushels Corn and Oat , and with a Mr Spears of Buffalce for 3,000 More to be deliver'd at Fort Washington. One half on or before the 1st January 1794 and the other half before the 1st March Corn at 43 Cents and Oats at 33 1/3 Cents and expect in a short time to contract for the whole of your requisition but you have not informed me whether you wish the Corn shell'd or in Ears

Several accounts of Forage I presume contracted for by you or Mr Sutherland on the Ohio below Pittsburgh are still unsettled, not being furnish'd with either the condition of Contract nor monies paid on Account be pleas'd to give me the necessary information respectg the contracts as soon as possible. -

You have herewith enclos'd an estimate of Objects of expenditures for the present quarter year the objects of this estimate arise partly from your Instructions from orders of the Secretary of War & from objects that either have or will eventually occur. The amount of the estimate added to my Disbursements which appears in my Account Current transmitted by Captain Pike, and compar'd with the monies receiv'd shews that I have not been fully supplied the above estimate was made in compliance with the orders of the Secretary of War who informs me that it is under consideration and that I shall be inform'd of the result. -

I am sorry that I omitted entering Major McCullys drafts I have and enter'd the second of those Bills, which will remove that difficulty these two Drafts amount to 1760 Dollars.

It appears by Mr Bellis Account that he has paid to the several Boatmen at different times 339 Dollars & 46 Cents, which he charges to my Account and for which sum I shall take the liberty to draw on you in his favor Joseph McDowel having exceeded or rather disobey'd his orders in not loading two Forage boats in his charge at Wheeling in consequence of which it became necessary to equip two other boats to carry the Forage he should have taken on board, his conduct in this affair has occasion'd a considerable loss to the U States in consideration of which I have refus'd to pay him until I obtain your order on this point, I have enclos'd a Copy of McDowell's instructions together with his letter to you in vindication of his conduct. - I have sent one of the Keel boats in charge of John Hulings the other boats are now refitting to carry the Stores that are coming forwd which shall not Stop here unnecessarily One hour. I have pick'd 15 of the Boatmen and dismiss'd all the other, and paid them off. I have given Geo Bours at his particular request a Furlough. -

C. Grayson with a party is now setting off for Wheeling. I have been under the necessity of sendg Major Finley to superintend the building at that place. -

I am Sir your humble Servant

/sd/ Isaac Craig

P.S. (Nothing is herein entered)

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No. 113.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh 23rd August 1793

Qr Mr Gl

Sir

By order of the Secretary of War I have sent an express boat with dispatches for the Commander in Chief in charge of Michael McNamee - Corporal Miller & two men are also on board as an Escort

As it is necessary to send this Boat off without a moments delay I have only time to inform you that I wrote you by Captain Pratt on the 12th Inst in whose charge I sent forward all the Stores then on hand since which time nothing has come forward except two Tumbrills, and a few packages of Cloathing for the Garrisons of the upper posts but I am inform'd a great number of Waggons are on the way Boats are ready to ship the Stores on their Arrival.

I shall send forward a Boat on Monday next, on board of which will be 4 Waggons 100 Pack saddles 2 Tumbrills and some other Articles I shall by that time endeavour to give you a full account of my Transactions. I have taken every possible pains to procure the Waggons as early as possible but have met with several disappointments.

I have directed the Corporal should he overtake Capt Pratt to request him to send the Dispatches now in his charge by the express boat

I am Sir Your Obt Servant

Isaac Craig

No. 114.

James O'Hara Esqr Fort Hamilton July 12th 1793

Qr. Mr. General

Sir

Agreeably to the orders of the 10 Instant by the Honble Brigadier Genl James Wilkinson we have examin'd & inspected the follow Lotts of IndianCorn and find them to be as Follows.

VIZT Lott No. 1 containing 1495 bushels by estimation considerably damag'd as well from its being extremely dirty as from being put up damp and impregnated with the Sweat of Horses or dampness receiv'd in the boats in which it was transported or otherwise.

Lott No. 2 containing 2940 bushels by estimate also considerably damag'd fro the causes above Stated excepting 633 bushels in a back lower room which is good but wants cleaning -

Lott No. 3. containing 2675 bushels by estimate sound tho' much in want of Winnowing in consequence of which it is much more liable to damage than clean corn.

Lott No. 4. containing 860 bushels by estimation somewhat damag'd and we think might be preserv'd in tolerable condition if cleand.

The Stack of ahy containing 19,760 Solid Feet agreeably to our estimation 60 Tons as good as the Prairie will afford. Altho the Corn is damag'd as above Stated, yet we are of opinion that by cleaning it at an early period and Keeping it cool it may chiefly be render'd or preserv'd fit for use.

For the purpose of cleaning & preserving the above quantity of Corn we are of opinion that ten Men will be necessary as a Standing Fatigue with the advantage of a Wino Form to their assistance.

This is a Copy of our report

Sd Joseph C. Collins

Inspector in the Qr Mr Department

No. 115.

A Schedule of the payments made at the requisition of the Quarter Master General enclos'd in the Secretary of Wars letter of the 29th June 1793.

		Dolls
April 15th	Remitted to the Qr Mr General	40,000
29	Paid Mr Belli's bills of	
	Dollars 2421, 1021 of the 3rd Feby 15 days Sight	1263
	700, 307.66, 1200., 1000., 500. of the 10th April do	3707.66
May 30	remitted to Majr. Isaac Craig to be disburs'd at Pittsburgh	1304
Jun 16	Remitted to do for do	5000
29	In hands of Mr Saml Hodgdon subject to the Quarter Master Generals Order	13,725.3(?)
		Dolls65.000

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No. 116.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh 6th September 93

Qr Mr General

Sir

Your letter of the 9th Ulto I have receiv'd by the hands of Col. Serjant on the 2nd Inst

I am glad to hear of the safe arrival of Lieut Glenn with the Stores in his charge -

I have sent Forward ten Waggons & in one Week more, should have completed the number required first had I not receiv'd your order before the recpt. of your letter I had contracted for 5,000 bushels of Oats and a like quantity of Corn to be deliver'd at Fort Washington that quantity will of course be deliver'd before the 1st of January.

I have not neglected either bags or Axes, every bag that could possibly be procur'd has been purchas'd - the Smith still employ'd makg Axes a number of which you will receive by a Boat that is now loading with all the Cloathg and Stores that have come to hand, or have been Manufactur'd here since Captain Pratt's departure four only of the Tumbrills have yet arriv'd these I am sending forward together with harness for all the Six, which I have had made here, the other two shall be sent Forward as soon as they come to hand

On the 1st Inst a runner arriv'd here from the Commissioners with a letter dated Fort Erie 23rd August 1793, covering two letters for General Wayne, one of which VIZT No 1 I immediately sent forward in charge of John Denny. No 2 now goes in charge of Mr Gregg on board the Barge.

I am preparing a Statement of purchases & Issues of Forage which shall be Transmitted as soon as possible - Pack saddles making are going on as expeditiously as possible.

I am Sir your Most Obt Servant

/Sd/ Isaac Craig

No. 117.

Colo. James O'Hara Cincinnati

Q M General September 15 1793

Sir

Packhorses on hand when we left off Packing 290 sent across the Ohio 278 kept on this side for Service 12 no sir there is gone forward 196 loaded 21 on hand 15 Known to be dead at Camp 4 dead on this side of the river 3 drown'd crossing the river yesterday 51 missing on the South side the Ohio

Sd Robert Benham

Supdt H dept

No. 118.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh Sept 1st 1793

Q M General

Sir

The dispatches herewith sent on this moment receiv'd from the Commissioners dated at Fort Erie 23rd Ulto they inform me that they are on the way home the western Indians having refus'd to make peace they direct me to Spare no expence in sending the Genl letter forward with all the dispatch & Safety possible. for that purpose I have engag'd to pay these five Men Twenty Dollars each for deliverying the Packet safe in Six or Seven days and if they are detain'd at Head Quarters they are to have 12 Dollars per mo for the time they

may be detain'd therefore please to dismiss them soon as possible.

I wrote you on the 18th Ulto by Robt Woods since which nothing new has occurr'd.

I have directed John Denny to call on Woods for the letters in his charge & take them with him I shall send another express with a duplicate of the Commissioners letter to the Commander in chief agreeable to their directions. -

I am Sir with great respect your Obedient Hble Servt

Isaac Craig D.Q.M.

No. 119.

James O'Hara Esqr Pittsburgh 10th Septemr 1793

Q M G

Sir

Your letter of the 14th Ulto I have just receiv'd and am made happy by your information of the safe Arrival of the Stores in charge of Lieut Glenn and Captain Pike I hope Capt Pratt is before this time also safe at Head Quarters with the Stores in his charge.

I am now sending in charge of Lieut Hugh Brady[58] addressed as formerly per Invoice all the Stores that have come to hand since Capt Pratts Departure together with several Articles manufactur'd here amongst which are Harness complete for Six Tumbrills, Eighty bags, One hundred Axes, a quantity of Harness leather, & 248 lb of

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58. Lt. Hugh Brady of the 4th Sub Legion. Ibid., 239.

Mr Ross's small rope he says made by your order.

These Stores are Shipp'd on board three boats but not in that regular order that I Intended the Waggoners having got into their old practice of detaining the Stores on the way part of the Cloathg for the 1st Sub Legion being still (?) notwithstanding it appears to have been sent regularly from Philadelphia.

You are no doubt before this time by the arrival of John Denny express inform'd of the result of the intended Treaty

An express is this moment arriv'd from the War Office with dispatches for the Commander in Chief which I am now forwarding in charge of Archibald Moore with positive orders to proceed with all possible expedition to Head Quarters these dispatches I apprehend will occasion a material change in your intended dispositions of Wintering near Fort Washington

Col Clarke has orders to descend the Ohio with all the Troops under his Command immediately together with Captain Haskell's Detachment.

I have herewith enclos'd Invoices of the Stores now sending Forward in charge of Lieut. Brady.

The next boats will be escorted by Col Clark's Detachment Boats are no ready & only wait his pleasure

In a few days I shall have One hundred Pack saddles ready together with another parcel of Axes & Horse Shoes which shall be forwarded by the first boats which must be in a few days.

I am Sir Your &c

Isaac Craig

PS Col Clarke has this moment call'd & says he has countermanded the order for Lieut Brady escorting his Stores and that the boats now loaded must either go without an Escort or wait for him & that it will be at least two Weeks before he is ready I have requested him to permit Lieut Reed[59] to escort these boats but he positively refuses to Detach any part of his Command.

Your humble Servant

Isaac Craig

No. 120.

An estimate of Horses & Waggons wanted to remove the Military & Ordnance Stores Camp September 27th 1793

386 Kegs of Musket Cartridges	193 horses
22 Howitzers	22
64 (?) Ammunition boxes for Do	31
	241 Total

15 Waggons for sundry Articles of Ordnance & Military Stores

/Sd/ H Burbeck Major

Commt Artillery

No. 121.

Col James O'Hara

Q M G

Head Quarters S West branch of Miami

October 23 1793

Sir

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59. Lt. John Reed of the 3rd Sub Legion. Ibid., 820.

In obedience to the orders & instructions receiv'd from the Secretary of War on the 25th of May 1792 directing me (if there should be any defect in the Transportation or supplies of provisions on the part of the Contractors) to make instant Arrangements at the Public expense to remedy the evil in order to prevent any injury to the Service.

That defect having actually taken place as far as relates to the Contractors means of Transport which is not more than One half equal to the daily supplies and the necessary deposits order'd in advance at the respective Posts & Garrisons

You as Quarter Master General will immediately purchase in behalf of the Public & add 250 P Horses & 30 Pair of Oxen or 60 Waggon Horses to the Contractors present means of Transport & for which this shall be your Warrant & Authority

Sd. Anthy Wayne

No. 122.

Colo O'Hara Q M G War Department Sept 27 1793

Sir

In the absence of the Secretary at War I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 8th

I am Sir your most Hble Servt

Sd Philip Audebert

No. 123.

Colo. O'Hara Q M G Pittsburgh 30th September 1793

Sir

Since Ens Bradys departure on the 14th Inst, a considerable

quantity of Cloathing & Stores have come to hand which I have continu'd to Ship & waiting for an Escort have loaded three Kentucky & one Keel boat, all in excellent order and as the boats are Strong & well fitted out, I am in hopes they will reach their destination in good condition. Col Clarke has at last determin'd to embark tomorrow together with Lt Reeds detachment on board two Transport boats On board one of these boats I have put part of the lead & have given the whole in charge of Lt Reed. I have sent Charles Forgett as Pilot I have been under the necessity of sending Seven other Boatmen with him to assist him in Navigating the Store boat.

A Contageious Fever having rag'd in Phila. a considerable time & still continuing the Secretary of War Apprehending that a part of the Clothg might be infected with the Contagion directed me to have it open'd & air'd at this Post I have Accordingly had such packages as were pointed out to me by Mr Hodgdon open'd well aird & repackd the repacking has Occasiond a great deal of disagreeable business here & has given much uneasiness to the Inhabitants of Pittsburgh, apprehensive it might be the means of introducing the disease but from my own experience & that of Charles & Emanuel Conrod who have been near three weeks constantly employ'd in opening airing & repackg the woolen Cloathing I am convinced there is scarce a probability of it being infected. -

I am now preparing quarterly returns which shall be transmitted by first boat that descned the River after Col Clark

A detachment of recruits under the Command of Lt Marts[60] & Ens

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60. Lt. William Marts of the 2nd Sub Legion. Ibid., 694.

Boiynton[61] March'd from Phila. on the 18th Inst there join'd by some others on their way will amount to One hundred & twenty men they are expected here early in October & will immediately embark & escort such Stores as may have come to hand during that time. -

Enclos'd is an Invoice of Stores fowd by Major McConnel for Doctor Allison[62] & Address'd to Elliot & Williams but Mr Day considering it either improper or inconvenient to pay the Carriage the Waggoner would have sold part of them had I not paid the Carriage VIZT 31 Dol 69 cts you will therefore please to inform the Doctor that these Stores are now sent in Charge of Lt Reed he will of course refund the Money I have paid which you will please place to my Credit. -

Invoices of Cloathing & Stores are enclos'd together with a Copy of Mr Hodgdon's Letter by last post by which you will see that a general Stagnation of business has taken place

I am Sir your Hble servt

Isaac Craig

No. 124.

Col O'Hara Q M G Pittsburgh 6th October 1793

Sir

Col Clark having delay'd his departure longer than I expected & one of his Boats having recd some damage by the Obstinacy of Lt

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61. Probably Ens. Henry Bowyer is meant, of the 4th Sub Legion. Ibid., 235.

62. Richard Allison, surgeon general of the Legion. Ibid., 160.

Reed which has occasion'd a further delay I am enabled to send by this Escort a few Articles that came to hand yesterday as per Invoice enclos'd these Articles have been more than two Months on the way from Phila.

Lt Marts with his Detachment is expected here on the 15th Inst & will immediately embark with such stores as may come to hand during that time

Our Annuel election is now at hand great pains are now taking at this place in favour of Mr Mulenburgh against Governor Mifflin. -

Col Presly Neville is candidatof for the Assembly The Quarterly return & Abstract of Disbursements shall be sent by Lt Marts

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servt

Ed Isaac Craig

No. 125.

Col O'Hara Q M G Pittsburgh Octo 22nd 1793

Sir

I wrote you by Col Clarke on the 30th Ulto & 6th Inst enclosing Invoices of Stores then sent forward in charge of Lt Reed since which time several packages of Cloathing have come to hand which are now Shipp'd on board three Kentuy boats in charge of Lt Marts who is set off tomorrow with a Detachment of 48 recruits the River being excessivly low it is necessary to employ three Boats to carry Stores that otherwise ought to have been sent on board two -

The Secretary of War on Account of the continuation of the Contagious Fever now in Phila has retird with his Family to Boston

& Major Stagg is in New York therefore no communication with mor(e) dispatches from the War Office Dunlap together with most of the other Printers have fled from Phila therefore no newspapers except two are now printed.

I have not been able to complete my Returns as early as I intended but shall have them completed & sent by the next Packet boat which is to sett off on Monday next an Abstract of Disbursements shall Accompany the return together with a Copy of a Forage Account settled with William Sutherland the Amount of which is 3601 Dols including Charges of transport on a part of the Grain & Hay purchas'd by him.

We are anxiously wonting to hear of the Operations of the Army, not having had any Account to be depended on since the 1st of September Mrs O'Hara is very well this morning she says you owe her a number of letters & I begin to apprehend that I have some reason to make a similar charge against you

Presly Neville represents our County is Assembly & there is no doubt of Governor Mifflins reelection

I am Sir your Most Obt Servant

Sd Isaac Craig

No. 126.

James O'Hara Esqr Phila 16th November 1793

Sir

Your favor of the 27th September came to hand yesterday The letter I alluded to in mine of the 10th August on examination I find I should have said Lexington instead of Washington but the mistake is of no consequence so that the idea convey'd in it relative

to the manner of supplying Major Craig with money was understood & executed The specifick sum appropriated for the department was all I could expect to obtain from the Treasury, until other estimates had been presented and accepted there under this idea application was made & the money obtain'd, tis impossible for any bad consequence to arise on so regular a proceeding since the expenditures of the appropriation I have succeeded in obtaining money on Craig's own estimates and requisitions I have already had some conversation on the requisition which the next paragraph of your letter informs me you have made to the Secretary of War for money to support your Departmt till the 1st January next - The sum of 51,140 Dollars I presume in addition to the bills previously drawn & unconnected with any expenditures that may be made at Pittsburgh and so have I represented it. The Secretary of the Treasury admits of no monies being drawn for your use but thro' you agent, in this way Craig has been & will I trust be fully supplied Some of the Drafts mention'd in your letter had been previously to the receipt of it presentd and paid the others will meet due honor - in future it will be best to draw in 10 or 15 days Sight to give time to negotiate with the Treasury, as hitherto application has been made as the bills have appear'd - a method dictated by the Secretary of the Treasury and perhaps the same mode may be still impos'd A bill of 1600 Dollars dated at Mobsons Choice 23rd September in favor of James O'Heron has this day been presented & paid. I have had no advice of this draft The 10,000 dollars you request shall be forwarded as soon as obtain'd

& an application for this shall be made immediately I am very happy to find you have been so fortunate on the River the valuable Cargo you mention as still expected I hope will arrive safe The attention paid to packing the Cavalry Clothing as well as those forwarded for the other Corps was such as gave reason to expect that all would go safe to hand - The opinion of the Inspector that they were damag'd between Philadelphia & Pittsburgh will have as much weight as it ought to have when all circumstances are Known suffice it to say however that I have receipts to shew that they arriv'd safe at Pittsburgh and in consequence of them the Waggoners have all been paid for the transportation Before your letter report said that the expedition was at an end for this Season owing to the failure of the aid expected from Kentucky am glad to know the report was untrue & I hope the Slaughter of November 1791 will be retaliated in November 1793. The methods the General has taken to insure a prompt assistance from Kentucky are such as must insure his object Strange that with such promising appearances an individual should hang back - a single exertion now may give them peace and Security forever. I am pain'd & shall be anxious to hear the event of the Sickness that had began among the troops I hope their movement will in this particular have the most Salutary effect every moment from this in which I write will anticipate the Success of this Campaign Oh that the Sovereign disposer of all events may be immediate success in the Field or Negotiation in this Cabinet cause the Savages to be at peace with us, then in truth shall we sett every one under his Vine & have none to make him afraid. -

To prevent the trouble of detailing to you the rise, progress & end of the Fever that has prov'd so Mortal in this City I enclose Carey's Account just publish'd which in general is Accurate. I shall write you again by next post

I am Sir Your Mot Obt Servt

Sd Saml Hodgdon

No. 127.

Col. O'Hara Q M G Head quarters S W branch of Miami

Nov 15th. 1793

Sir

You are immediately to repair to Fort Washington in order to make the necessary Arrangements for your future transport of Stores &c and for the Cantonment & Subsistce of the Cavalry & Dragoons thro' this winter or until calld for.

The whole may be very conveniently hutted & cover'd in on some eligible spot of Woodland between Georgetown & Lexington said to be the most plentiful settlement in the State of Kentucky you will make a particular agreement for the Wood &c so that no undue advantage may be taken hereafter

You will appoint a purchasing Commissary of Forage, who is to issue the same agreeably to the establd rule & principles

You will furnish tools & Materials for repairing & improving the furniture & equipments for the Cavalry on the Order & return of the Commanding Officer

No mention being made of issued in Kentucky in the Contract for

supplying the troops with provisions, the Dragoons must be furnish'd with rations, by the same Commissary who supplies supplies the Forage or by Special contract with the Contractors or any other Individual or Individuals and which you are hereby Authoris'd to make upon the most Oeconomical terms but with certainty & effect so that the Horses & men may be properly supplied & in perfect order to take the field at the shortest notice.

You will please to make an Estimate of the Stores and Articles wanted in your Department for an early Campaign & hold yourself in readiness to ascend the river in order to repair to Phila for making the necessary arrangements & for settling your public Accounts should that be deem'd expedient -

Relying upon your Industry, experience & integrity I have nothing further to add but to wish you a safe arrival at Washington

And am Your Most Obt Humble Servt

Anty Wayne

No. 128.

Colo. O'Hara Q M G

Fort Washington Nov 20th 1793

Sir

As it will be necessary before your departure to make some Arrangements concerning the supplies of funds requisite in that Country for the expedntirues of the Qr Mr Dept and in order that you may know for what particular purpose I think it my Duty to inform you that for the persons now employ'ds say, One Superintendant or Principal Artificer, One Superintendant of the Pack horse Department at least 80 Artificers at the different Posts & with the Legion 110

Pack horse drivers, 9 masters, one horse & two Ox Waggons masters, 50 persons employd as waggoners, and labourers in the Forage house a Forage master, Assistant Qr Mr & Clerk with 2000 dollars for Corn deliver'd on a Contract with Williams & Co, additional purchases of Corn (say 1000 bushels) as well as sundry other Articles already purchas'd & to be purchas'd for the use of the Army and exclusive of the expence attendt the Dragoons in Kentucky. It is my opinion that it will take at least 20,000 Doll to clear the Department by the last of December, you will therefore be so good as to let me know by what means I am to obtain that Sum which will avoid difficulties in your Absence you will also inform me how I am to acquire a sufficiency of funds to defray the expence of the Department after that day - As it will become the duty of the Department to issue whiskey to the troops after the 1st of January next I will be glad to have some directions on that head - whether I am to send to Limestone for that Article and have somebody there to receive it, and of what quality, also whether it will be necessary to appoint Commissaries at the different posts for the issues and on what Vouchers, and lastly what quantity must be sent forward to Forts Knox & Steuben. your answers will oblige Sir your Hble Servant

Sd Jno Belli DQMG

P.S. you being on the Spot I did not think it necessary to say anything to the Contractors about Transport -

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No. 129.

Col O'Hara Phila. 22nd November 1793

Sir

I have not the pldasure to inform you that on application I have receiv'd the 10,000 Dollars you requested and on Monday next they will go forward in charge of an officer who has also with him a large Sum for the pay of the Army -

The bills you advis'd me you had drawn have generally been presented & paid others of which I had no notice have also not due honor the remainder of your requisition is under consideration, & altho' it is an excess on the years appropriation for your Department I doubt not will issue in which case I shall as you direct holt it sugject to your Dft. I shall keep you advis'd of every essential particular that respects you or your Department We have a pretty well authenticated Account of your losing a Convoy we hope Victory will compensate the loss the Story says you have lost a guard of 70 men & 22 Waggons laden with Corn and Whiskey Accounts from France place their affairs in a flattering situation The British & German Auxiliaries have been obli'd to retreat from before dunkirk with disgrace & great loss & to day by a late arrival we are told that the grand Combind Armies have been forced Over the Rhine leaving 180 pieces of Ordnance [illegible] them particulars I will endeavour to send you in my next

I am Sir your &c

Sd Saml Hodgdon

No. 130.

Col O'Hara Q M G Pittsburgh 24th November 1793

Sir

I have herewith enclos'd a return of Stores up to the 1st of November and an abstract of Disbursements continued to this

date, an Invoice of a few Articles sent forwd in charge of Major Winston is also enclos'd A package of Cloathing that has been detain'd by Thomas Martin Waggoner at Shippensburgh since the 1st August is now sent forward, this package to wit Case No 54 of 1st Sub Legion, completes the cloathing intended for the Army this year.

The return is carried on One Month beyond the usual period, thereby taking into View the transactions of October. -

The Vouchers for disbursements & abstract for the Comptroller of the Treasury was made up for 3 Months commencing the 1st July and ending the last of September 1793 inclusive amounting to 4,531 Dollars 68 1/3 Cts but as the disbursements in October and this month have been very considerable and particularly by discharging William Sutherlands Forage Account & paying off the Boatmen &c I have continued the enclos'd abstract - the Building Accounts at Wheeling are not yet taken in nor a part of Mr E Zanes Forage Account he not havg yet produc'd Vouchers for the delivery of the Whole of the Hay and grain he says he has furnish'd an Account of which he Acknowledged to have receiv'd of you 800 Dollars

The Secretary of War informs me that 100 recruits will march from Carlisle on the 25th Instant for this place & must immediately descend the Ohio if the river is open at the time of their arrival, if not they are to continue at Pittsburgh, he also informs me that dispatches are now preparing at the War Office for the Commanding in Chief and directs me to have a light boat prepar'd & mann'd by the 20th instant to carry them to Fort Washington -

Two tons of Iron that is now on the way from Carlisle shall be sent forward as soon as it arrives

I have continued to send forward Axes Horse shoes with nails Camp kettles & pack Saddles by every opportunity & I presume that all the Articles manufactured here and send forward have been of the best quality. -

The world is all anxiety for the fate of your Campaign - a report that comes Via Niagara & Genessee says you have obtain'd a complete Victory

I am &c

Isaac Craig.

No. 131.

Col O'Hara Q M G Phila. 25th Nov 1793

Sir

Agreeably to the information convey'd to you in my last I send forward by Col Mentges ten thousd Dollars in post Notes answering to the enclos'd Invoice I hope they will go safely & speedily to hand by next post shall be able to write you fully relative to the remaining part of your requisition the whole of which I have no doubt will shortly be putt into my hands. All the Drafts that have hitherto been presented are paid and the remainder will meet due honor.

I am &c

Sd. Saml Hodgdon

No. 132.

Col. O'Hara & H C [illegible] Pittsburgh 5th [illegible] 1793

Sir

By the Arrival of Col Mentges I have recd a letter from Samuel Hodgdon Esqr enclosing one addressd to you said to contain 10,000 Dollars which I have now sent forward in charge of Captain Crawford who has also charge of a Box, a [illegible] of money addressed to Giles [illegible] for the Army.

I have herewith enclos'd an abstract of Forage purchas'd since June 1st 1792, Wm Sutherland & Jno Parks purchases are included in the abstract, Forage furnish'd by Ebenezer Zane has not yet been accounted for as he has not yet produc'd his Vouchers for delivery he acknowledges to have receiv'd of you 500 Dollars but says there is Still a balance in his favor - Wm Sutherlands Account is paid as stated in the enclos'd Copy but he says he has a Claim of compensation for his Services, which I did not think myself at liberty to agree to Mr Zane's Account will I expect be immediately settled as his Vouchers are now in the hands of Major Finley who is arrivd from Wheeling, a Copy of this Account together with a Statement of the issue of Forage which Mr Park is now making out shall be sent by next boat which will sett off in a few days -

I have sent to the Acting Quarter Master at Fort Washington copys of my Contracts for delivery of Forage it amounts only to 9000 bushels, but a much greater quantity can be contracted for if necessary.

Captain Crawfords receipt for 10,000 Dollars is enclos'd he goes to Fort Washington on board a barge intended for the use of an Officer of the Revenue on the Ohio, it ought to be returnd as soon as possible.

Health has return'd to Phila Congress & the assembly meet there as usual.

We are anxiously waiting for news from you a Report has circulated of your having obtain'd a complete victory but no confirmation of it

I am Sir &c

Sd Isaac Ideal

No. 133.

Col O'Hara Q M G Pittsburgh 12th Dec 1793

Sir

I wrote you by Captain Crawford on the 5th Inst in whose charge I sent you a Packet, deliver'd to me by Col Mentges said to contain 10,000 Dollars Capt Crawfords receipt for the above Packet was with my letter inclos'd together with an Abstract of Forage purchas'd since the 1st June 1792 accompanied by William Sutherlands Account as settled & paid, & I have herewith enclos'd Ebenezer Zanes forage Account also Settled & balance paid, 800 Dollars formerly advanc'd to him by you, you will now please to charge to my Account In settling William Sutherlands Account it was found necessary to include 1,100 bushels of Corn furnish'd by Ebenezer Zane, that quantity is therefore deducted from the amount of Zanes Voucher for delivery

Mr Zane informs me that he can furnish 50 Tons of excellent hay at any time if wanted.

Mr Rosegrants & Stiffknee are now on their way to Head quarters. I have furnish'd Stiff Knee with a Canoe two blankets, a hat & a few other articles to help him on his way also two muskets. We have not had any official accounts from Head Quarters since the 8th October therefore we are in the utmost Anxiety - Myer's Packet boat in charge of Captain Ward that ought to have arrivd a month ago we have yet no Accounts of. -

The Detachment from Carlisle is expected next week it is commanded by Captain Cook, it is probable this Detachmt will come too late to descend the Ohio before it is impeded by Ice.

I am this moment made happy by your letter of the 23rd of October, as it has remov'd our Anxiety for your safety and that of the Army.

Nearly all the Articles compris'd in your requisition have been sent forward purchasing bags & Pack Saddle making is still going on I shall send forward a ton of Iron on tesday next. Three ton more is on the way from Carlisle and the remainder of your requisition shall be procur'd and sent forward as early as possible. The blacksmiths are continued making Horse Shoes & Axes

I am Sir Your Obt Servant

Sd Isaac Craig.

No. 134.

Col O'Hara Q M G Fort Washington Jany 16th 1794

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you sundry letters &c &c receiv'd (since your departure) at this place & also receiv'd in Cash notes from your Agent Mr Hodgdon 10,000 Dollars per Capt Crawford of which 5,000 Dollars was made out in your favor and 5,000 in mine the first of course useless in my possession as you must be acquainted with the loss necessarily sustain'd in this quarter for the sundry purposes mention'd in my letter of the 20th November last at Fort Washington (to which I have receiv'd no answer tho' you promis'd me) it is unnecessary to point out, what little purpose 5,000 Dollars will answer in my situation. I have made a trip to Kentucky & one to Greenville to negotiate my bills for money but to no purpose

Major General Wayne order'd me on the 1st instant to make out estimates for purchases and expenditures that will attend the Quarter Master Department for the current year herein you will find a Copy - of the 1200 Pack horses therein mention'd I only calculate on 700 to be in constant service & for that number 100 drivers will be wanted (making a small allowance for sickness) add for the Waggons now in use and those to be purchased 42 persons, and you must be snesible the balance will amply be wanted for the Forage magazines the 70,000 bus Corn in addition to what is now on hand, will be hardly adequate to the consumption for this year, the calculation Sir is founded on the issue of the past, and will prove barely sufficient the chance of obtaining it (for the greatest part) lays at present with you had I been provided with money in due time I might have bought some during the Winter at about 40 Cents but that is out of the question a

month hence it will perhaps be Spring before I can get any Money & then it is too late to purchase Corn which is always high & scarce - about that time in short considering that this expence must encrease as the Legion advances in the Indian Country & on an examination of the expenditures for 1793, it will appear evident that my estimate for 149,460 Dollars will necessarily be wanted for the current year for the purpose therein mention'd with respect to Articles to be bought in Phila. for the Legion I would not have attempted to make out estimates (in a manner as you will find in the enclos'd abstracts of Stores on hand) satisfied you must be a better judge, if you have it in your power to find out the number of Troops that will be in Service, as well as the kind of service they will be employ'd in, but being order'd so to do I was oblig'd to have it done, it will however suffice to say that all articles mention'd to be wanted in that abstract are necessary for this year, and Will prove no more than adequate to the consumption. The Commander in Chief order'd some time ago bake houses to be erected, & appointd a Superintendant and 12 bakers for the use of the Legion the expence of which is to be defray'd by the Department to your Government. Horse shoes have been much wanted in these parts for our Pack horses, they have suffer'd much for Want of them, there was no Iron to be had here nor money until a few days ago and had to send all the way to Kentucky for that Article, but at present I make all the Shoes I can, and expect to see the horses complete in a few days and be fit for service all Winter, it is astonishg Major Craig will keep those necessary

Articles back. The 11th Instant a few hours before I left Camp a Stockbridge Indian (now belonging to the Delawares) and his Interpreter with a flag arriv'd for the Commander in Chief, he was sent by the Maumee, Delawares & other Tribes to enquire if the United States will yet Treat with them and allow them to hunt unmolested this winter, he observes the Shawnese will treat on the same terms the rest do, the next day young Buckingelas and Whiteyes came in on the same business, In short it is my opinion the United States may make an advantageous Treaty this winter Should a treaty take place it will I hope curtail our transport (the principal expence of the Department) for in that case the Cavalry may possibly not be Wanted which will prove a glorious thing to the United States - I am forwarding all the Forage I can to Camp with 260 P Horses but they eat it as fast as they carry it, of course we shall be but little ahead towd Spring, I have been order'd to contract for 10,000 bushels Corn, to be deliver'd at Fort Hamilton about the Middle of March, but I don't believe I shall be able to Accomplish it, I also hire all the Waggons I can to take corn to that Post, the river has been low for this long while consequently none can be sent by Water. I have the promises of some money on my bills in the course of a few days, be pleas'd to make the necessary Arrangements for the payment. It is not in my power to say what amount I will receive but I shall take all I can get I have dispos'd of several distemper'd Pack Horses, also [illegible] unfit for Service - I get 24 Doll a part of them, which is nearly as

much as I paid for them at first, and have been work'd for upward of a year so that the United States don't lose much by them I wish I could say the same with respect to Pack horses.

I have receiv'd no Whiskey as yet consequently the contractors have to supply us with that Article, I am afraid will make us pay for it -

I have been oblig'd to purchase a horse for Mr Carpenter, (who engag'd to go express to Phila) by the Genls order, you will either have the Horse Sold or allow Mr Carpenter to return on him to this Country, I have not paid him anything on Account of this business the Cavalry horses are in good Order for the Field or for the Phila market if necessary.

It will be necessary to hire the Strip Carpenters in Phila you will also be good enough to purchase the Cranks &c for the Saw Mills at that place as it is possible I may have omitted some Articles in my estimates I would be glad if you would minutely examine it & add what you think useful - I need not tell you how necessary it will be if our transport continues to be large - to engage Pack horse drivers by the Year, in the Atlantic States, the Wages being exorbitant in these parts the chance of getting good Clerks is also bad in this Country Mr Harris is going to leave the Department which in fact will be a loss, I think it would be well to engage two or three in Phila.

I am &c yours &c

Sd Jno Pelli D[illegible]

PS I must repeat the necessity of your hiring Packhorse drivers in

the Atlantic States, for it becomes more and more difficult to get them here also as to Corn, I don't believe 10,000 bushels can be bought in this Country, this will require your timely attention. All the Corn receiv'd from above consists in 1392 bushels of McKinley

547 1/2 of Connell

1303 1/4 " Greene & Meigs

I have bouth considerably at Columbia, but it is consum'd as fast as it comes down. Three Indians attack'd three private Waggons yesterday, 2 Miles from Fort Hamilton took 2 horses the rest being Oxen were left unmolested, two of the Waggoners are missing, two of those Waggons was loaded by the Contractors and are by me with Corn.

Tho' I give Captain Benham positive orders to furnish me with a report of the Pack horses he has neglected doing it. I wish we could find a more needy man for that business - by his report of the 13th December it appears there was but 360 horses then fit for Service - the foot distemper is much amongst the horses. -

Sd Jno Belli

No. 135.

Col. O'Hara Q M G Fort Washington Jany 26th 1794

Sir

I had the pleasure to write you very circumstantially a few days ago per Mr Carpenter express which letter I hope has safely reach'd you I now enclose you an Abstract of Cloathing

which on Account of be being detain'd 14 days at Greenville I had not time to send you by my last. I also forward you an Account of payments made in this quarter up to the 1st Jany the vouchers I keep in my possession until I see you for fear of being miscarried. It is unnecessary to Say anything more on the Subject of Forage, having commented on that matter sufficiently in my former letters. It must therefore suffice at present to say that all the chances for Forage is about as but little can be obtain'd in these parts. Messrs Greene & Meigs are very slow in their deliveries, no Forage but what I mention'd in my last has as yet come forward.

I am &c

Sd Jno Belli[illegible]

No. 136.

Col. O'Hara Q M G

Treasury Department

Comptrollers Office 14th Feby 1794

Sir

Your Account & that of your Atty Samuel Hodgdon for the quarter ending March 31st 1793 have been adjusted at the Treasury & a balance found to have then remain'd to be Accounted for by you, of Twenty two thousand nine hundred & thirty three Dollars & ninety two Cents agreeably to the within Statement

You are requested to obtain a receipt on the enclos'd Copy of an Account of Mrs Mary Butler for eighteen pounds ten Shillings, charg'd by Mr McCully on his Statement which notwithstanding the want of a receipt has been admitted to your

Credit. You will be pleas'd to cause particular attention to be paid, that all the Vouchers to your future Accounts be complete

I am Sir &c

Sd Oliv. Wolcott

No. 137.

Col. O'Hara Phila 4th March 1794

C M G

Sir

Enclos'd I send you the prices fix'd to the several Articles in your Indent. I have made a requisition for 30,000 Dollars and shall know the result tomorrow

I return the Armourers Indent

I am &c

Sd. Saml Hodgdon

No. 138.

Col James O'Hara Lancaster 31st 1794 [March?]

Dear Sir

Major Craig on his way up requested me to make proposals to you for the following Articles which I hope may suit VIZT

Best warranted Smiths bright Vices per lb 17/d

Warranted Screw Augers per Quarter /7 1/2d

[illegible] Stirrups good quality, per Box 32/6d

Sheet Iron per ton —70

Plister'd Steel per Ton 45

and which if they meet your approbation would thank you to inform me the quantity of each wanted. Major Craig has order'd from me

3 Doz waggon whips

400 horse bells

100 Cow bells

500 Bell Collars

& 15 Waggon Screws the most of which shall be forwarded to Pittsburgh next week & which he desir'd me to inform you of any thing else I could serve you with should be happy of your Commands, and which shall be attended to with care & dispatch - your answer by Post will much oblige.

Dear Sir your &c

Jos Joseph Simon

No. 139.

Col O'Hara Phila April 3rd 1794

C N C

Sir

One Ton Sheet Iron 175 common Tents & one case of Stationary is on the road for Pittsburgh Two other cases of Stationary will be forwarded this Day & the remainder of the return will soon follow but what is doing relative to the purchase of the other Articles I am not inform'd If you have any thing conclusive on the Subject I will thank you for the communication

I am &c

Saml Hodgdon

No. 140.

Colo O'Hara QMG Fort Washington April 20th 1794

Sir

My last letter to you was from Lexington the 10th Inst in which I give you advice of any Draft under the same Date in favor of Nath. Shaw for 3300 Dollars I since receiv'd a letter from the Comm[illegible] in Chief of which I enclose you a copy, the additional purchase of 250 more Packhorses (which I am order'd to acquire) I am afraid I shall not be able to comply with, for the want of money and unless a speedy relief arrives and that principally in Specie I can't stay here application is made to me from Morning till night, but can't answer them & that will be the case more and more every day. - in addition to this it has been lately found out in Kentucky that a large quantity of Bank notes in circulation there prove counterfeit. the consequence is that no purchases can be made there with any kind Specie therefore becomes highly necessary - I am greatly distress'd when I consider I am in debt for near 11 Months to about 120 Artificers, 50 Pack horse drivers for three & about 50 for one & two months besides Superintendants, Masters, Principal Artificers, Assistant Quarter Masters & Boatmen also for sundry purchases I have made for use of the Legion and for which perhaps not less than from 15 to 18,000 Dollars will Suffice - the money which I receiv'd on bills in February last for paying those demands I was oblig'd to make use of for the purchase of Horses I have stated my Situation for Major General Wayne but have receiv'd no aid as yet, & I am afraid I have no right to expect any from that quarter believe

me Sir the Department must fail unless at least 40,000 Dollars, 50,000 Bushels of forage & a large supply of Stores of almost every kind come down in a very little time - about the 26th I expect I shall under the escort of the balance of the Cavalry (agreeably to orders) set out for the head of the line with about 500 Pack horses, 15 complete horse teams, nine Ox teams which with about 7 more Teams (now in Camp) constitutes my transport intended for a forward move - at present I send you an Abstract of Stores on hand the 1st Inst which will shew you what Forage there is left excepting about 3500 bushels lately arriv'd from Green & Meigs and what I purchas'd since (what then will be the consequence if none arrives shortly it is evident to me Sir the Qr Mr department will bear the blame of the failure of the Campaign of 1794 which may the Lord prevent My situation Sir is truly disagreeable let me therefore beseech you for your own sake & the good of the Army to give me such support as I now stand in need of and for which I have written you so long ago I send you by this opportunity a list of all my drafts from October last to this day which with the small sums receiv'd from you constitute my accounts & also forward you Vouchers of my Cash expenditures up to the 20th Inst - if you in addition to this consider that I have furnish'd Mr Shaw assistant Qr Master In Kentucky with upwards of 6000 Dollars for the purchase of some more Horses and to support the Dragoons besides sundry Sums to other persons when I had not money enough to settle with them finally you may easily judge what moneys reamin in my possession.

A considerable sum is now due by the Officers of the Legion (entitled to Forage for Corn deliver'd them but I find it impracticable to collect it, this I mention'd to the Commander in Chief, and requested him to order the paymaster to collect it but have as yet receiv'd no final answer some Officers die, some resign and in Short the United States will be losers unless something is done about it. The Officers paid off generally before they left Hobsons Choice and a great many now say they will pay for what they owe but not at the advanc'd prices stipulated by the Commander in Chief which are $\frac{62}{100}$ at Fort Hamilton, $\frac{80}{100}$ at Fort St. Clair, $\frac{93\ 1/2}{100}$ at Fort Jefferson and $\frac{98}{100}$ at Greeneville per bushel - large quantities of leather has been deliver'd by the Assistant Qr Master in Kentucky (by Major Winstons Order) for the use of the mens boots, a thing I never though he would have call'd for, and the Infantry Officers (in my Opinion) might as well call on us for blue cloth to mend their [illegible] coats - this has also bee Stated to the Commander in Chief but have not receivi'd any answer the expense of that Corps which by the bye does not consist at present of more than 150 fit for Service (exceeds all estimates or calculation. The articles of leather, flannel and a thousand others which has been drawn this last Winter will surprise the world at a future day. I don't wish you to imply from this that any of the Officers are to blame but only that you may consider it as a Corps uncommonly expensive in this Country. I am much at a loss what to do for Stationary on our intended forward move from Greenville - The Army will at best consist of 1,200 Men besides the Cavalry and I have but very

few rheams of paper on hand, such as the officers will make use of this paper which is made in Kentucky is bad, & there is none for Sale in the Stores here. there are a number of people who ask me for money but I can't settle with not knowing the State of their Accounts, and from what time the Department is in debt to them - Mr Torrence for one, Also Mr Salander I lower'd his pay to 17 Dollars the 1st February he has some time in March left us altegether he wants his money much and I am soory I can't gratify him -

Just now I receiv'd a letter from Mr Shaw in which he tells me sundry Bank notes have been return'd to him as being counterfeit, he neglected most of our Drafts being in a convenient place for that purpose and perhaps might have receiv'd a few Case ton & twenty Dollar Notes but I don't see that he can bear the loss, he has been as good and as faithful a Servant as ever this United States had and indefatigable toward their interest, he has sav'd them many hundred Dollars in his bargains, and consequently losses of this kind ought not to fall on him in my opinion -

I am &c yours

Sd Jno Pelli DQM Genl

PS. enclos'd I send you one of the Counterfeited bank notes, it happens to be one of the Worst I have seen there is some Mr Billing would hardly know from his own.

No. 141.

Col O'Hara Phila May 6th 1794

Q M G

Sir

Another draft from Mr Delli at 5 days Sight for 1600 Dollars dated at Lexington 28th March presented for Acceptance, others I am inform'd are on the way. I call'd at your lodgings yesterday to speak with you on the Subject, but you were absent. I wish to know your wishes relative to these drafts before I make a requisition for money to pay them.

The amount of Accepted Drafts from Major Craig is 3172 Dollars which as soon as convenient I will thank you to place in my hands.

I am &c

Sd Saml Hodgdon

No. 142.

Colo. O'Hara

Q M G

Sir

Notwithstanding your belief that the receipts and delivery of the Whiskey is well arrang'd yet as it may be otherwise, and as you are going to the Army I request that you would please to examine into the whole business and have it precisely and punctually executed according to the System transmitted you in 1793.

It has been suggested that there is something defective in the Arrangements at Forts Washington Steuben & Knox Direct that the Quarter masters of these Posts receive & distribute the Spirits according to your directions.

A boat must be provided for the Revenue officer at Wheeling and the Commanding Officer at that Post must afford him all proper assistance in this execution of his duty. In your passage down the Ohio I request you to inspect into this Subject and give the order therein mention'd

I am Sir &c

[illegible]

[illegible] of War

No. 143.

Col O'Hara Q M G Phila. May 23rd 1794

Sir

Without a moments delay after the receipt of your letter, I made proper application for the 15,000 Dollars requested, the amount I have receiv'd but not exactly in the kind of money you wish'd the Secretary of the Treasury for reasons which he stated at large to the Secretary of War, would not consent to forward more than one third part of the demand in Specie this in a tight Cask to your address mark'd Spelter Solder &c goes from hence in John Dunwoody's Waggon for Pittsburgh this morning and he engages without accident to deliver it in 20 days - Post notes for the remaining 10,000 you will receive with this letter the other part of your letter on the money business shall be attended to - A number of Bills from Mr Belli have been presented since your departure all of which I have honor'd - Major Craig will inform you of his drafts, and you will write me respecting them, I shall make no requisition to cover them until I hear from you they are however Accepted & in any case will be honor'd

The Newspapers of the West herewith forwd. will give you the news I shall be anxious to hear of the Arrival of the Spelter Solder, it goes under every caution and circumstance that can insure Safety Adieu

I am &c

Sd Saml Hodgdon

No. 144.

Col. O'Hara Q M G Pittsburgh 14th June 1794

Sir

You have herewith enclosed an Invoice of sundry Articles now forwarded address'd to the Actg Quarter Master at Fort Washington in charge of Capt John Ward on board of two Kentucky boats One of those boats has on board, ten Waggon & five Saddle horses together with one Waggon complete and Geers for ten Waggon horses, Geo. McDowel Pack horse Master & four drivers is on board of this Horse boat & takes care of the horses which are all excellent Horses & in good order & as McDowel is an experienc'd Careful Man I expect they will all reach you in good order.

You will observe in the Invoice Six Iron Howitzers & Six boxes Grape Shot, to these I am directed to request your particularly attention, in having them sent forward without delay to Nasheville, address'd to Genl. Robertson, they are for the use of some post he is establishg in the Territory South of the Ohio.

A duplicate of the Articles of engagemt of Geo McDowel and the four drivers is enclos'd herewith these are the last of the

Pack horse men you are to expect

Captain Ward arriv'd at this place the day you left it & follows you depending on your employing him in your Department, I have advanc'd him thirty dollars, and have taken his dft on you for that Sum which draft I shall send you by next conveyance that may offer.

I have added three Boatmen to McDowel & his four drivers, & have furnish'd them with 15 days provisions. I [illegible] the Horses by land to Wheeling & have given Mr Ward an Order on Major Finley for One hundred & twenty bushels Corn or Oats in Order to feed the Horses on the road to Fort Washington. -

I have sent Mr John Park up the Monongahela to purchase Forage, but the river is so low at present that loaded boats cannot come down - One boat with Corn is aground at Braddock's Ford & there waits the Water raising.

I am &c

[illegible] Isaac Craig, Dy. Q M Genl

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No. 145.

Col O'Hara Q M Genl Pittsburgh 20th June 1794

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary of War in his letter by this days post to send forward by express a packet addres'd to the Commander in Chief said to contain dispatches of the highest importance. John Donny has charge of his packet, with positive orders to proceed from hence to Fort Washington without halting or landing on any pretence whatever, and as I have no doubt of his

strict attention to his instructions I conclude they will reach you in 5 days. Denny has four men of Captain Crawford's Detachment to assist him in Navigating a light battoau which is to be return'd to this place as soon as possible being one of the mail boats

Captain Crawford is order'd to command the Garrison of Fort Franklin which is to be augmented to Sixty men to be taken from Captain Heath's Detach which is Expected tomorrow or next day Major Butler is also expected in a few days. -

On the 18th I sent forward a boat loaded with Grain & this evening shall send forward another boat to load near the Mouth of Buffaloe two other boats loaded with Grain are expected from Morgan town which will go forward without delay.

Mr Park has made some progress in the Forage Department and is to setp off in a Day or two on the same business.

This Spelter Solder is not yet come to hand but expected tomorrow or next day, & shall go forward in charge of Captain Heath. (Heth)

I am with great respect Sir your Obt Hble Servant

Sd Isaac Craig D Q M G

No. 146.

Col O'Hara Q M Genl Fort Washington June 26th 1794

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a Statent of Quarter Master Stores &c with the Legion, also the means of Transport of the Department. I likewise thought it necessary to send you a list of Monies wanted by the 1st July - you will also find herein

an Abstract of Whiskey forwd to the different Posts, and where the issues have taken place since the middle of May last. Fort Knox is wholly destitute of that Article, tho' I [illegible] ago leave of the Commander in Chief to send a boat load to that place. Almost every Post is supplied with Stationary &c &c for 6 months to your Government

I am with respect &c

Sd Jno Belli D Q M Genl

No. 147.

Col O'Hara Q M G

Head Quarters Greenville

June 25th. 1794

Sir

Your letter of the 22nd Inst announcing your arrival with the Stores in good order at Fort Washington came safe by express & as all the horses belonging to you Department were sent to that place you must have had an opportunity of loading them with such Articles in the line of your Department as were most immediately wanted.

Mr Belli informs me that he expects a number of Pack horses from Kentucky on the 27th Inst there will be at the same time the Dragoons that have been recently mounted as an Escort, perhaps some of the Volunteers may accompany them, in that case the Commandg Officer will receive Orders to join the Convoy & Escort there is not one moment to spare, nor will any Escort Waggons or horses go on until after a forward move. -

Your presence is much wanted here, you have no person at the place capable of any business from behind the Counter in fact I have been obliged to be Quarter Master, Commissary & every thing else for a length of time.

Mr Belli the Deputy Quarter Master General has done his duty very well & he has had very great fatigue & difficulty in making the diff.t purchases and arrangements to supply the defect in the Contractors as well as your Department, he requests leave of absence for a reasonable time, in order to recover his health which he says is much impair'd. -

You will therefore please to make the necessary arrangements for an immediate forward move & render yourself at this place on or before the 1st July with an active & capable assistant.

Wishing you a safe Arrival I am with [illegible] & Respect Your Most Obt Hble Servt

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N. B. As I was in the Act of closing this letter, Mr Shrimm arriv'd from the Head Waters of Mad River where he had been reconnoitring, & says he discover'd two parties of Indians encam'd there the day before yesterday, which by estimation were between 30 & 40 in number, & that from their trail they appear'd to be bending their course towards Fort Hamilton. -

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No. 140.

Colo. O'Hara [illegible] Head Quarters Greenville 29th June 1794

Sir

Since my letter of the 25th inst. I have receiv'd dispatches & papers from the Secretary of War down to the 14th Inst, the

intelligence therein ment'd. will require some additional Artillery, & Stores which togeth. with all such Articles as may be necessary in your Departmt must be forwarded the Soonest possible.

All the Pack horses & Cattle belonging to your department and that of the Contractors may be forwar'd under the Escort that is directed to be form'd at Fort Washington - in the course of three or four days VIZT all the Soldiers in that Garrison fit for Active Service that can possible be spar'd, the regular Dragoons under Captain Thomas Lewis and Cornet Blue all the Volunteers that Captain Kibby can bring forward agreeably to his instructions, and ready to advance with the Convoy on or before the 5th of July, to these will probably be added twenty Choctaw Indians, who are now on the way to Head Quarters, & who has arriv'd at Lexington the 11th inst

You will probably have to purchase horses or good Ox teams for the Artillery & Tumbrils which must be loaded with Shott & Shell agreeably to the Invoice with which Captain Henley will be furnish'd, these last Articles are to come forward under the immediate escort of Major General Scott, who you will please to furnish with four Horsemen's Tents & thirty common tents and with forty Pack horses taking receipts for the same to be Accounted for at the close of the Campaign. All the horses belonging to both your Own & the Contractors departments are & will be fully employ'd in front.

Great caution must be observ'd in the next escort & convoy as it would appear that the Enemy are meditatg a serious blow at some quarter the opinion of our red allies is that they are now advancing to Attack the Legion.

I had sent out three select parties compos'd of Indians & Spies, in order to take prisoners & make discoveries of the Situation force and design of the Enemy - One of those parties are yet out, the other consisting of 45 Choctaws and 10 of our best Spies, were drove back to Camp yesterday, by vastly superior numbers, according to the Choctaws Accounts, who lost one of their people at the place call'd Gitry's Town on the St. Marys, 30 miles advanc'd of this place in a direct line towards Grand Glaize & a few miles to the east of Fort Recovery, for whic place Major McMahon marched this morning at Reveille with a good detachment having under his escort a large number of horses loaded with supplies.

Perhaps the Enemy may endeavor to prevent his progress, in that case his orders are to charge & cut his way thro' them to Recovery regardless of Numbers. -

Thus I shall endeavour to draw the attention of the Enemy from our Escorts in the rear & to create a jealousy for their own safety as well as for that of their women & children.

In the interim you will give directions for improving every moment in forwarding Corn to Fort Hamilton by every possible means it will also be necessary to purchase a reserve of at least 300 Pack horses to be ready to Kentucky at a moments warning. A propos the Alarm has assumed so new and so serious a complexion as not to admit of Mr Belli's absence on furlough, on the contrary he ought to remain at Fort Washington and you ought to be with the Legion together with an able Assistant you have nobody at this place but the

most trifling of things whose utmost Stretch of [illegible] will not reach across the Counter

You will please to inform the Contractors, that his means of transport at this place is not half adequate to the purpose. I also hope & trust that your own will be at least double to what it is now at Greenville

Wishing you a speedy & safe Arrival I am Sir Your most Obt Servant

Sd Anty Wayne

No. 149.

Col O'Hara — Camp Greenville (suppos'd)

Q M G — June 29th 1794

Sir

The Com in Chief wishes you to order a number of discharges printed as soon as possible they are to be done agreeably to the within form except that the receipt which is now at the bottom is to be on the back of the discharge as mark'd on the enclos'd. 500 may be struck off, but about 100 are wanted immediately the others may be sent on some other time

I am Sir your very humble Servt.

Sd John Mills,

Adjt Genl.

No. 150.

Col O'Hara — Greenville 30th June 1794

Q M G

Dear Sir

Your arrival with us at this critical period affords me peculiar Satisfaction. The enclos'd was intended to have gone last night in company with the General's letter to you,

plens'd to afford it the utmost dispatch.

The General desires you will have the Dragoons, expected from Kentucky, under Captain Thomas Lewis & Cornet Blew [Blue] arm'd as well as possible; either with Swords if any are fit for the purpose at Fort Washington or with Musket & Bayonets.

Let the General know by express if he should send you horses (at this place) to Fort Hamilton, whether you would have a load of Corn ready for them to receive, so as they might come on with the Escort of the 5th of July from Fort Washington -

I am dear Sir your Obt Servant

Ed H DeButts

No. 151.

Col O'Hara — Head Quarters Greeneville

Q M G — 4th July 1794

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst, and am much plens'd at the account you give of a plentiful supply of Forage & Grain, in the means of

transport, both in your own & the Contractors Departments which will rather require to be encreas'd than otherwise. -

The Enemy to the number of between one thousd & fifteen hundred Warriors attack'd our Escort on the morning of the 30th Ulto, close in with Fort Recovery & immediately follow'd that Attack by a General assault from all quarters upon that Post, in which they were repuls'd with considerable Slaughter however they continued a heavy & distant fire upon the Garrison for the remainder of the day, and by intervals during the night & morning of the 1st instant, but were ultimately compell'd to retreat between the hours of 12 & 2 OClock of that day & were follow'd for a little distance by Captain Gibson & part of the Garrison, who call'd & invited them to return & fight this produc'd a hideous yell from the thick Coverts in which large bodies of the Enemy were Secreted, and serv'd as a direction where to deliver the Shells and they appear'd to take a proper effect, & soon put a period to the yelling & precipitated the retreat of this numerous band of Savages. -

We had 21 Officers and Soldiers kill'd & 29 wound'd during the Action among the 1st the Gallant & ever to be regretted Major McMahon, the brave Captain Hartshorn Lt Craig & Cornet Terry - among the latter the intrepid Captain Taylor

of the Dragoons, & 1[illegible] of the Infantry, there is but One soldier missing. The Draggons suffer'd most out of 50 in toto, 21 were either kill'd or Wounded 23 horses are in our possession, but almost all of them wound'd the balance 27 were generally kill'd in the [illegible] that Gallant Corps. Hence you will see the immediate necessity of the purchase of 50 Dragoon horses to replace this loss, which you will please to order to be procur'd and forwarded with all possible dispatch perhaps they may be obtain'd in time to come on with the last Detachment of the Volunteers of Kentucky. -

You will please to be punctual in the Arrival of the Escort & Convoy from Fort Washington at Fort Hamilton, on or before the 6th instant as heretofore directd, where they will be reinforc'd by a strong Detachment from this place, at about the same Moment, nor can their immediate return be delay'd without the Utmost risk and damage, it is to be clearly understood that Waggons or Carriages are totally out of the Question nor shall the present Convoy be encumber'd or clumsited by them on any pretext whatever, the Commanding Officer of the Detachment will be instructed accordingly. Corn & Whiskey are wanted but the Convoy & escort cannot be

delay'd on Account of a deficiency in either Article, because this is the only place in which they can receive effectual protection, and where they are immediately Wanted to facilitate the advance of the Army & for which your presence is indispensably necessary.

I am & c yours

Sd Anty Wayne

NB. The Contractors P Horses to the Amounts of at least 200 are Kill'd & missing. -

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No. 152.

James O'Hara Esqr Fort Washington, July 9th 1794

Q.M.G. Greeneville

Sir

The boat which was wreck'd near Mingo bottom arriv'd here this evening, by which I receiv'd the two Packets enclos'd with this one. The letter address'd to this office observes that "the Quarter Master General's Cask of Rum Wine is just come to hand, and will be sent forward by the next Detart" It will undoubtedly be a disappointment to Mr Dalli that it has not been sent by the present - about 150 Gallons

& 20 Horseman's Tents are invoic'd, also some nail & Spike rods - the remainder of the loading is chiefly Clothing & Whiskey - I presume the Tents are much wanted in Camp. I shall therefore expect your Orders to send them forward. They can (if you approve of the Method) be sent to Fort Hamilton by the private Waggons & from that place by the Pack horses.

I am &c

(Sd) Zenas Kimberley

No. 153.

Col O'Hara Lexington July 14th, 1793 (4?)

Q M G Greenville

Sir

I shall Start in 3 days from this for Fort Washington, between 40 & 50 Dragoon horses purchas'd within this few days. I have order'd Mr. Kimberly to keep them at Fort Washington until he receives your Orders - the horses are generally high priz'd and I don't think it would be safe to trust them with the Militia for they will certainly abuse them -- you will therefore give what orders you think requisite - the purchased

of Bank Notes goes on bad very fast, the Dollar is mostly
3 high pris'd, and what I believe it will cure powerfully
is the total want of Specie, Bank Notes are daily Offer'd &
indeed by thousands at a discount of 10 per Cent & more &
in short are totally out of Credit, it really grieves me that
the United States are impos'd upon with this useless Kind
of Currency, you be plea'd to recollect my letter of April
last on this Subject. I hope Sir you have Tin'd matters
in such a manner at the Head of the line as will enable me
to retire for two or three months to the Atlantic States,
and the Sooner it can be done, the better it will be for in that
case I can return early in the Fall and relief you in due time.
I am engag'd from day light till Sun Set in Settling Mr Lewis
Accounts which are much more considerable than I expected
& it will take me at least 8 days longer. With your Vouchers
from Camp, I can assure you I will be able to carry forward a
respectable number & which I think will amount to between 80
& 90,000 Dollars at least.

I am &c

Sd John Belli Ewing

No. 154.

Col. O'Hara Q M G | Fort Washington July 16th 1794

Sir

Your letter of the 14th came to hand last evening, and as

far as the means of transport will allow I shall strictly comply with your directions. But must inform you Sir that the Commissary of Military Stores has demanded 30 horses for the use of the Ordnce Dept.

Our number of Pack horses fit for service (being about 40) I fear will not do more than transport the Ordnce. Stores and the Baggage of the Officers. In case like this I have as yet receiv'd no instructions how I am to Act whether or not I am to Supply every person with any number of horses he may choose to demand for Stores of his department his baggage &c. --

I herewith enclose you the list of persons from Pittsburgh now in the Pack horse Service - those engag'd here are all paid as late of the 10th of May & many of them have commenc'd since that time. The list of Artificers paid to the 31st December was taken from Mr Dalli's Cash book (the only one in the Office from which the list could be taken) is now lock'd in Mr Dalli'd desk

Colo Sargent arriv'd here yesterday by whom came the Cask. he will deliver it to me this day, and early tomorrow Morning I shall Share the Contents to Mr Dalli agreeably to his directions.-

In the same boat came forward Some Cloathg whiskey

&c. the Invoices of which are herewith enclos'd

I remain &c

Sd. Moses Kimbeley

PS. everything for the Armory which has been recd. at this Post was forwarded to Greenville the 23rd June.

No. 193.

Col O'Hara QMG Fort Washington July 19. 1794

Sir

Agreeably to your instructions I have this morning started all the Pack horses which were at this place fit for service. Mr Hanley having for the present relinquished his demands, I am enabled to send forward most of the QM Stores you order'd except those which were not on hand, of these are the Canteens, Broad Axes, Calf Skins, Swords & Spear blades. The C mp Kettles we found badly calculated for packing, we have been able only to Send a part of those, teh Invoice enclos'd will show you the number.

Permit me Sir once more to hugges to you that I labour under many disadvantages from not havg receiv'd pointed instructions respecting the Transport which ought to be allow'd to Officers.
As President General Wilkinson has 10 horses, Doctor Allison & Hospital Department 7, & Captain Armstrong 3, & Captain Ward 2. I should be happy to know whether or not these proceedings meet your approbation, if not my ignorance is a plea of

unchanging kindness in future as you shall direct, are the only circumstances I can urge as my claims. -

Your Surveying instruments I have pack'd in the most Secure manner & hope they will reach you with out injury.

I am Sir, with esteem Your very

Humble Servant

Zenas Hinsdale,

M. Read

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